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PART I.

CORRESPONDENCE

REGARDING

INDIAN TOUR

OF

**THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS
OF WALES.**

1904-05.

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15	}	25th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	Official announcement of the Prince's visit and the question of presents, &c.
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203	...	3rd October 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	...
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...	277	14th ditto ...	Ditto	... National Anthem to be played by bands at banquets for toast of King-Emperor and "God bless the Prince of Wales" for toasts of Prince.
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...	101	15th June 1905 ...	Ditto	... Communicates further developments in Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara Tour programmes.

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...	170	24th ditto	Ditto	
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...	194	8th August 1905	Ditto	Their Royal Highnesses' intention to lunch with the Maharaja when in Calcutta.
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41	...	11th April 1905	Ditto	Reply to above. His proposals for Central India.
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...	76	18th ditto	Ditto	Communicates information that there will be no Investiture, but wherever Begum of Bhopal and Raja of Sailana present respects to His Royal Highness there they will receive their decorations.
...	100	15th June 1905	Ditto	Communicates further developments in Central India tour programme.
102	...	21st ditto	Ditto	Communication of Cadet Corps proposal to Rutlam and Jaora.
...	123	26th ditto	Ditto	Reply to above.
114	...	11th July 1905	Ditto	Sailana and Begum of Bhopal to come to Agra to receive their decorations. Reduction in number of Chiefs, invitation to Chiefs Major Peacock to be Political Officer.
...	141	14th ditto	Ditto	Invitations to Chiefs.
130	...	19th ditto	Ditto	Rutlam and Jaora to go to Calcutta with Cadet Corps. Jaora's request to be placed on the Prince of Wales's Staff. Rutlam's request to be made an Extra Aide-Camp for the period the Prince is in Calcutta.
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185	...	19th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Question of visits to Bhopal and Indore, and introduction of smaller Rajputana Chiefs to His Royal Highness.
...	261	29th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	} Recommends inclusion of a visit to Indore in tour programme. Request for authority to announce Prince of Wales' visit to Central India.
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...	25	20th March 1905 ...	DEANE, COLONEL H. A. ...	Asks for advice on the draft programme for North-West Frontier Province.
31	...	30th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
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..	102	15th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Communicates further developments in North-West Frontier Province tour programme.
103	...	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	117	25th ditto ...	Ditto ...	State Dinner will evidently have to be fixed for 2nd December.
210	...	11th October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Protest against the reduction of the estimated expenditure in connection with Royal visit to Peshawar.
...	279	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	175	25th July 1905 ...	DEEN DAYAL AND SONS ...	No official photographer to be appointed.
217	...	27th October 1905 ...	DIACK, MR. A. H., Chief Secretary, Punjab Government.	Request that His Royal Highness should open new University Hall at Lahore.
...	287	30th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above in negative.

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79	...	25th ditto (Tel.) ...	Ditto	.. Reply to above.
161	...	20th August 1905 ...	DOUGLAS, MR. J.	...
...	221	26th ditto ...	Ditto	... } Railway passes for Pressmen, English and Indian.
...	86	30th May 1905 ...	DUBOULAY, MR. J. H.	.. Sends copy of note on expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
116	...	13th July 1905 ...	Ditto	... Duck shooting in Sind in March.
...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	Ditto	... } List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Bombay and Karachi.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto	...
169	...	25th ditto ...	Ditto	... Bombay University address to His Royal Highness.
...	279	17th October 1905 ...	Ditto	... Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	14	9th March 1905 ...	DUDLEY, EARL OF	... Consultation as to certain questions of etiquette in connection with the Royal visit.
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188	...	20th September 1905 ...	ELLES, THE HON. MAJOR-GENERAL SIR E. R.	...
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80	...	25th ditto ...	FARQUHAR, MR. J. N.	... Sends copy of letter proposed to be sent to His Royal Highness asking him to preside at Annual Meeting of Young Men's Christian Association at Calcutta.
...	150	18th July 1905 ...	Ditto	... Reply refusing.
...	107	23rd June 1905 ...	FOREIGN SECRETARY MR. S. M. FRASER.	Rank of Major-General to be given to Brigadier-General Beatson while on Prince of Wales's Staff.

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22	19	19th March 1905 ...	FRASER, SIR A. H. L ...	} Enquiry as to decision about a proposed present from the Calcutta Corporation to the Prince and Princess of Wales.
...	32	23rd ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	47	22nd April 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Asks for his opinion on proposed programme for Bengal.
63	...	2nd May 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	84	26th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Sends correspondence with Payne <i>re</i> watering of Maidan roads, Calcutta, during Their Royal Highnesses' visit.
89	...	6th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Intimates that he is looking forward for orders regarding the visit of Their Royal Highnesses.
...	110	24th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Further orders in connection with Royal visit.
109a	...	1st July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} Question of Mr. Greer's Knighthood.
...	159	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	
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...	160	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	
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138	...	27th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	183	31st ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Suggestion that His Royal Highness should enter Calcutta <i>via</i> Prinsep's Ghaut.
142	...	2nd August 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
143	...	2nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Date of Native fête on the Maidan in Calcutta.
...	189	6th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	200	14th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	} Date of Native fête and holiday.
153	...	15th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	217	24th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	} Question of decorating Maidan for opening ceremony of Victoria Memorial Hall.
166	...	25th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	227	2nd September 1905 ...	Ditto	Approval of Prinsep's Ghat suggestion.
...	241	19th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	

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204	...	5th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
218	...	28th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
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221		2nd November 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
...	288c	3rd ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
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...	282a	21st October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} Question of an additional holiday for Calcutta in honour of Royal visit.
219	...	31st ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	288a	1st November 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
...	279	17th October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Procedure for toasts at banquets
...	280	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Omission of return visit to Calcutta.
...	118	25th June 1905 ...	FRASER, MR. S. M., Foreign Secretary.	Sends (1) list of Chiefs who may be seen by Prince of Wales, and asks for Foreign Department notes on each, (2) letter from Sir W. Lawrence re Press arrangements and asks for advice on it.
...	107	23rd ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	229	5th September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
180	...	15th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Rank of Major-General to be given to Brigadier-General Stuart Beatson while on Prince of Wales's Staff.
...	193	7th August 1905 ...	GABRIEL, MR. E. V.	Publication of periodical official summaries of Prince of Wales's tour.
...	201	14th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Condition of affairs in Rajputana as regards famine.
76b	...	20th May 1905 ...	GATES, HONOURABLE MR. F. C., Burma, Chief Secretary	} Sends statement showing arrangements for visits of Chiefs to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
...	96a	14th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
215	...	24th October 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
				Sends copy of orders as officially issued regarding the presentation of addresses.
				Presentation of memorials to Their Royal Highnesses.
				Hour and date of interviews with native gentleman of Burma.

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58	...	28th April 1905 ..	GHOSH, SARATH KUMAR ...	Offers to write the official account of the Prince of Wales's tour.
...	72	16th May 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Refers S. K. Ghosh to Sir W. Lawrence.
97	...	17th June 1905 ...	GOURLAY, MR. W. R. ...	Forwards letter from Collector of Howrah enquiring whether it is necessary for the Howrah Municipality to present an address to Their Royal Highnesses.
...	127	26th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Calcutta.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
177	...	13th September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} Time of arrival of His Royal Highness at Calcutta and of various ceremonies connected with it.
...	245	19th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
219a	...	31st October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Question of an additional holiday for Calcutta in honour of the Prince's visit.
25	34	27th March 1905 ...	GREER, MR. R. T. ...	} Calcutta Corporation gift to the Princess of Wales.
...	35	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	94	10th June 1905 ...	HAMILTON, COLONEL H. I. W (MILITARY SECRETARY TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF).	Appointment of Captain Wigram as Personal Assistant to Sir W. Lawrence with rank of an Aide-de-Camp.
...	91	3rd ditto ...	Ditto ..	Officers and Aide-de-Camps to be appointed on the Prince of Wales's Staff.
99	...	19th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
100	...	19th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to letter of 10th June 1905.
...	125	26th ditto ..	Ditto ...	} Appointment of Captain W. G. Cadogan as Honorary Aide-de-Camp on His Royal Highness' Staff.
108	...	30th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
66	...	3rd May 1905 ...	HEARSEY, MR. L. D. ...	Offers to place his shooting on Palia estate at disposal of His Royal Highness.
...	65	8th ditto ...	Ditto ..	Reply to above, thanking for offer, which limited time precludes from accepting.

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33a	...	30th March 1905 ...	HENDERSON, MR. G. S. ...	Proposal to entertain Their Royal Highnesses at dinner or Ball at Bengal Club, Calcutta.
..	35a	31st ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above. Proposal forwarded to proper authorities at home.
...	149	18th July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Reply refusing invitation.
...	249	21st September 1905 (Tel.)	} HERBERT, LIEUT.-COLONEL, Resident, Jaipur.	Report of rainfall for the Jaipur State.
189	...	22nd ditto (Tel)		
...	52	24th April 1905 ...	HEWETT, MR. J. P. ...	} Exemption from Customs examination and duties on landing at Bombay.
54	...	26th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	99	15th June 1905 ...	IBBETSON, H. H. SIR DENZIL	Communicates further developments in Punjab Tour programme.
...	131	5th July 1905 ...	ITINERARY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS' TOUR.	
...	266	4th October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Revision of first part.
...	86	30th May 1905 ...	JELF, MR. A. R. ...	Sends copy of note on expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
94	...	16th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Asks for two spare copies of letter to Sir Denzil Ibbetson, dated 15th June 1905.
95	...	16th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Asks for a copy of letter from Sir C. Rivaz, dated 28th March 1905.
...	104	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Reply to above two letters.
...	112	24th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
118	...	14th July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} Further orders in connection with Royal visit to the Punjab. Present to Golden Temple. Reduction in number of Chiefs. Imperial Service Troops (Punjab) to be brought to Lahore.
122	...	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
123	...	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Statement of entertainments connected with Royal tour in the Punjab called for in letter of 30th May 1905.
...	146	15th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Amount of gift to the Golden Temple, Amritsar.
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...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	JELF, MR. A R.— <i>contd.</i> ...	} List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Lahore and Delhi.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
181	...	16th September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} Question of the Regent of Maler Kotla visiting His Royal Highness.
...	240	18th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	175	25th July 1905 ...	JOHNSTON & HOFFMAN, MESSRS.	No official photographer to be appointed for the tour.
21a	...	19th March 1905 ..	KEYSER, MRS. AGNES ...	Dr. A. Crombie suggested as a physician.
...	5	11th January 1905 ...	KING-EMPEROR, HIS MAJESTY THE.	Sir W. Lawrence suggested to write the official account of the Prince's tour. His Royal Highness to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall at Calcutta. Intimation to the Gaekwar that His Royal Highness will not wish him to be absent from his State during His Royal Highness' visit to India.
75	...	15th May 1905 ...	KING, MR. R. C. H. Moss ...	Proposal that His Royal Highness should unveil statue of Her late Majesty the Queen-Empress at Bangalore.
...	151	18th July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Reply in the affirmative.
...	92	8th June 1905 ...	KNOLLYS, THE HONOURABLE LORD.	Orders from the King requested in connection with (a) the Levée, (b) the Drawing room. (c) the Proclamation Parade to be held at Calcutta.
21	...	19th March 1905 ...	LAMINGTON, LORD ...	Desire of Bombay University to confer an Honorary Degree on the Prince. Enquiry as to drawing up of a programme for Bombay.
...	21	20th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Asks for advice on the draft programme for Bombay.
29	...	30th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	} Enquiry as to consultation with certain public bodies before drawing up the programme, also whether the Viceroy will be at Bombay at the time.
...	36	31st ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	

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33	...	30th March 1905 ...	LAMINGTON, LORD— <i>contd.</i>	Laying foundation stone of the new dock and that of the Museum by the Prince. Estimate of extra charges of the Royal visit.
...	45	21st April 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	... Asks for further reply to letter of March 30th.
48	...	22nd ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... Reply to above.
47	...	22nd ditto ...	Ditto	... Suggested alternative programmes for Bombay with a memo showing what the King did during his visit and remarks on proposed programme.
49	...	23rd ditto ...	Ditto	... Revised Karachi programme.
52	53	25th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... Drawing room to be held by the Princess.
...	58	28th ditto ...	Ditto	... His suggested programme. Viceroy's own proposed movements. Chamber of Commerce address Levée. University degree. Drawing room. State Ball and Byculla Club Ball. Municipal Banquet. Future correspondence about details to be conducted between him and Sir W. Lawrence. Ahmedabad, Poona, Agha Khan, Janjira, Maharaja of Idar.
60	...	30th ditto ...	Ditto	... } Address from the ladies of Bombay.
...	69	12th May 1905 ...	Ditto	... }
77	...	22nd ditto ...	Ditto	... Forwards letter from Bombay University asking permission to present address to Their Royal Highnesses.
...	95	14th June 1905 ...	Ditto	.. Latest developments in Bombay tour programme.
104	...	24th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... }
112	...	8th July 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	... } Appointment of Idar on staff of Prince of Wales.
...	108	24th June 1905 ...	Ditto	... Further orders in connection with Royal visit.
...	119	26th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... Reply to telegram of 24th June 1905.
...	143	15th July 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	... }
129	...	19th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... } Reduction in number of Chiefs to be seen by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

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112a	...	8th July 1905 ...	LAMINGTON, LORD— <i>concl'd.</i>	Duck shoot in Sind. Quail shoot in Kaira. Idar's appointment on the Prince of Wales's Staff. Laying of foundation stone of new Dock, Bombay. Edgerley to attend His Royal Highness at ceremonial visits.
...	173	24th ditto ...	Ditto	Edgerley to attend Prince of Wales at ceremonial visits.
90a	...	6th June 1905 ...	Ditto	Amount to be spent on Government House fittings and furniture.
106a	...	29th ditto ...	Ditto	Regrets oversight in connection with Idar's appointment on the Prince of Wales's Staff.
149	...	10th August 1905 ...	Ditto	Idar's thanks for appointment on His Royal Highness's Staff. Rajkot Cadets to take part in Royal Procession in Bombay. Part of Bhavnagar, Junagadh, and Nawanagar Imperial Service Troops to join in Procession.
195	...	26th September 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	} Question of Bombay University address.
...	257	27th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	268a	7th October 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	} Question of address from native ladies of Bombay.
207	...	9th ditto ...	Ditto	
214	...	22nd ditto ...	Ditto	} Formality to be observed at Royal Landing at Bombay.
...	288	31st ditto ...	Ditto	
224	...	13th November 1905(Tel.)	Ditto	} Question of conferring Knighthood on Karimbhai Ebrahim by Prince of Wales.
...	293	14th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	22	20th March 1905 ...	LALOUCHE, SIR J.	Asks for advice on the draft programme for the United Provinces.
35	...	3rd April 1905 ...	Ditto	Notes about the proposed Royal visit.
45	...	16th ditto ...	Ditto	His desire to make arrangements for the Royal visit and see it through.
...	70	13th May 1905 ...	Ditto	Suggestion to borrow Scindia's motors, take the Royal party to Fatehpur-Sikri and from thence motor them to Bhurtpore.
76	...	16th ditto ...	Ditto	Suggests inclusion of Fatehpur-Sikri in Royal tour in order to see specimens of Moghul architecture there.

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...	98	15th June 1905 ...	LATOCHE, SIR J.— <i>contd.</i>	Communicates further developments in United Provinces tour programme.
105	...	24th ditto ...	Ditto	Encloses a letter from Maharaja Bhagwati Prasad Singh of Balrampur offering to show Kheddah operations to Their Royal Highnesses.
...	122	26th ditto ...	Ditto	Reply to above.
...	111	24th ditto ...	Ditto	Further orders in connection with Royal visit to the United Provinces.
144	...	2nd August 1905 ...	Ditto	Oudh Talukdars' intention to commemorate His Royal Highness' visit by a Medical College.
...	256	27th September 1905 (Tel)	Ditto	Arrangements for return by motor to Agra from Fatehpur-Sikri.
...	279	17th October 1905 ...	Ditto	Procedure for toasts at banquets.
3	...	26th January 1905 ...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.	Viceroy's suggested programme. Burma and Baroda. Question of presents. His appointment on the Princes' Staff. Severance of his connection with the <i>Times</i> .
6	...	2nd February 1905 ..	Ditto	Doctor and Policeman: suggested names. Request for Captain Wigram to be attached to the party.
9	...	16th ditto ...	Ditto	Tour programme. Prince's desire to see Simla. Presents question. Staff. Baggage Master and Treasurer. Sir Pertab Singh. Request for proofs of articles in the new Gazetteer <i>re</i> provinces and towns to be visited.
16a	...	27th ditto ...	Ditto	Form of levées at which Chiefs would be received. Honours. Sir Pertab Singh and representatives of the Indian Army. Reception of <i>purdah</i> ladies by the Princess. Insurance of her jewels. Exemption from customs duties. List of party: Aide-de-Camps, &c., Captains Gimston, Cameron, and Wigram. Kheddahs in Mysore and Burma.
...	11	3rd March 1905 ...	Ditto	Thanks for letters and for his article on the "Selection of the Fittest." Congratulation on his appointment. Colonel Baring, Colonel Perry, Mr. Bignell, Captain Wigram.

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...	16	9th March 1905	...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Enquiry as to instructions about posts to be provided for Suggested division of labour between himself and General Beatson. Scale of money presents. Sir Pertab Singh, Imperial Cadet Escorts for the Prince.
...	33	23rd ditto	...	Ditto	Sketch of the duties to be performed by General Beatson and himself.
22a	...	20th ditto	...	Ditto	Calcutta Corporation present for the Princess. Appointment of Indian Aide-de-Camps to the Staff. Captains Grimston, Cameron, and Wigram. India Office attitude towards him. Sir Pertab Singh. Equerries and ladies General Beatson. The <i>Renown</i> , Simla Shooting in Mysore. List of Chiefs to meet the Prince.
28a	...	29th ditto	...	Ditto	Thanks for letter of 9th March Visit to Phulkian States: Nabha. Bahawalpur Staff. Representative from the Foreign Office. Police, Officer, Short-handwriter. Captain Wigram, General Beatson. Scale of presents for servants. Sir C. Dawkins, Captain Armstrong Article in <i>Vanity Fair</i> about the Viceroy. Mr. Rees to join the tour and to write the book. Sir D. Barr. Imperial Cadets.
23a	...	21st ditto	...	Ditto	Photographers for the tour.
24a	...	23rd ditto	...	Ditto	List of presents to Chiefs and officials. List of Chiefs Wives of officers at places to be visited by Their Royal Highnesses.
...	39	13th April 1905	...	Ditto	Promises amended sketch of the tour. Printed copies of letters for him. Sir Pertab Singh and Native Aide-de-Camps Reception of <i>purdah</i> ladies by the Princess State dinners. Exemption of entire party from customs duties or examination The Princess' jewels, Extra Aide-de-Camps: Captains Cameron and Wigram Dividing up of Staff. Khed-dah in Mysore.
...	40	13th ditto	...	Ditto	Reply to letters of March 21st and 23rd.
...	43	20th ditto	...	Ditto	Delay in amended programme. Bahawalpur, Nabha, Jammu. Foreign Office representative. Visit to Aden.

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38	...	7th April	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Bahawalpur. Captain Wigram.
40	...	10th ditto	Ditto	... Thanks for letter of March 23rd Prints for him. Division of duties between himself and General Bentson. Foreign Office representative. The equerries. Press correspondents. Photographers. Calcutta University degree for the Prince. Title of his appointment Viceroy's meeting with Their Royal Highnesses. The <i>Renown</i> .
44	...	14th ditto	Ditto	... Correspondence to be addressed to him. The confusion about the Doctor. Approval of Viceroy's draft; division of duties between himself and General Bentson.
...	56	27th ditto	Ditto	... Copies of letters and correspondence for his use. Saloons and carriages for the Prince and party. Visit to Simla.
46	...	18th ditto	Ditto	... Bikanir: Prince's desire to have a second day's shoot at—Maharaja's request to accompany His Royal Highness. Suggested halt at Jaitu in Nabha. Maharaja of Patiala. University Degree for the Prince. Daulatabad.
...	61	4th May 1905	Ditto	... Prints for his use Special Political Officer for the Royal party. Police work. Pressmen. Photographers. Viceroy's plans for Bombay and Calcutta. The <i>Renown</i> . Misunderstanding about Dr. Charles Drawing Rooms at Madras and Bombay. Offer of post of Chief of the Indian Staff to Sir Pertab Singh. Proposed motoring in connection with the Agia visit. Suggested appointment of Mr. Bosanquet as special Political Officer.
...	67	11th ditto	Ditto	... Suggested inspection of the Imperial Service Troops at Hyderabad and Bangalore. Entertainment by the Hyderabad Resident. Sir J. Bourdillon's reply about Mysore Correspondence with Major Daly about visit to Indore and the Jhansi Durbar. Correspondence with Sir A. Fraser about Bengal proposals. The proposed <i>purdah</i> party at Belvedere. The Dufferin Fund proposal. Addresses from public bodies. Bikanir's request to go round India with the Prince. Halt in Phulkian States. University degree for the Prince.

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55	...	26th April 1905 ...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Encloses memo. of suggestions <i>re</i> visits to Udaipur, Jammu, Gwalior, &c.
...	74	18th May 1905 ...	Ditto	Reply to above.
57	...	28th April 1905 ...	Ditto	Suggests Daulat Ram, Kali Kumar Dey, and Straight, as baggage-master, treasurer, and Police Officer for United Provinces, respectively.
...	71	16th May 1905 ...	Ditto	Forwards copy of correspondence with Sarath Kumar Ghosh, who offers to write official account of Their Royal Highnesses' visit.
...	75	18th ditto ...	Ditto	Reply to letter of 28th April. Dr. Charles' acceptance of appointment of surgeon. Concurrence in Bigge's suggestion that His Royal Highness should present colours to 1st Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment.
70	...	5th ditto ...	Ditto	Asks for information as to whether the <i>Renown</i> can (1) go up to Calcutta, (2) get up to Diamond Harbour, (3) go to Rangoon.
...	78	22nd ditto ...	Ditto	Sends 3 copies of Gazetteer articles asked for on all places, except Bangalore, Mysore, and Bahawalpur.
...	80	23rd ditto ...	Ditto	Sends copy of letter from Resident, Mysore, <i>re</i> proposal to unveil statue of late Queen, Empress by His Royal Highness.
...	83	25th ditto ...	Ditto	Depth of water at Calcutta and Rangoon being ascertained. Daulat Ram. Inability to procure. Suggests His Royal Highness seeing Phulkian Imperial Service Troops at Chorpur, when on his way from or to Simla.
71	...	11th ditto ...	Ditto	Prince's desire not to land at Aden. Suggestion that Prince and Princess should adopt Viceroy's plan on arrival at Native States.
...	87	1st June 1905 ...	Ditto	Replying through Foreign Office about Aden. Seeing to nomination of Aide-de-Camps. Agrees to suggestion about entry into Native States. Encloses note on police arrangements. Correspondence sent this week deal with following:— (1) Bengal Club letter, (2) correspondence with Bikanir, (3) information connected with <i>Renown</i> , (4) invitation from Young Men's Christian Association, Calcutta.

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...	88	1st June 1905	...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>
76c	...	21st May 1905	...	Ditto
83	...	26th ditto	...	Ditto
...	93	8th June 1905	...	Ditto
...	103	15th ditto	...	Ditto
86	...	31st May 1905	...	Ditto
89	...	2nd June 1905	...	Ditto
92	...	7th ditto	...	Ditto
93	...	7th ditto	...	Ditto
...	120	26th ditto	...	Ditto
...	106	22nd ditto	...	Ditto
93a	...	12th ditto	...	Ditto
				Encloses copy of letter from Vice-Chancellor, Bombay University, asking whether His Royal Highness will accept an address from the University.
				Encloses draft Programme for Bombay. Shortening of stay at Rajputana. Substitution of Agra for Jhansi. Reduction in number of Chiefs at Bombay, Ajmer and Agra. Reception of Chiefs at Bombay. Copy of Bombay Programme being sent to Edgerley.
				Reply to letter of 4th May.
				Encloses correspondence about Burma programme with certain remarks. Native Hospital Assistant to look after Dispensary and Native servants.
				Political officer. Photographers Treasurer. Baggage-master. Salary of Dr. Charles Bhurtpore affairs. Speeches at State Banquets.
				Reply to letter of 11th May 1905.
				Press Correspondents on the Prince of Wales's tour.
				Reply to letter of 18th May 1905. Presentation of colours to 1st Brahmans Lawrence to write the book on the Prince of Wales's tour.
				Gazetteer articles of places to be visited by His Royal Highness.
				(1) Invitation from Madras Club to Their Royal Highnesses to a ball, (2) accommodation of Pressmen in trains, (3) formula for permissible addresses, (4) shaking hands at Levée, (5) conduct of receptions, (6) Prince's Race at Calcutta, (7) Captain Cadogan to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp, (8) copies of the description of the Chiefs.
				Reply to letter of 25th May. Baroda and Kapurthala fobbed off with a garden party at London. Bombay inquiry about addresses from Chamber of Commerce, Millowner's Association, Poona Gayan Samaj. Bombay University. Byculla Club Ball at Bombay.

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103a	...	23rd June 1905	... LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Reply to letter of 1st June. Presents to those who will entertain Their Royal Highnesses, and to certain religious denominations. Putnam as shorthand writer.
...	132	6th July 1905	... Ditto	.. Sends draft instructions <i>re</i> addresses. Conditions of Prince's Race, Calcutta. Book of tour should repay itself.
...	139	12th ditto	... Ditto	... Encloses letter from Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan, commenting on proposal for Prince's visit to Quetta.
...	140	13th ditto	... Ditto	... Reply to letter of 23rd June. European servants' accommodation. Publication of certain details of tour.
106b	...	29th June 1905	... Ditto	... } Invitations of Bengal Club and Young Men's Christian Association, Calcutta, declined. Accepts advice given regarding Burma. Addresses. Speeches at banquets, and unveiling ceremony of Queen's statues at Bangalore and Karachi. Arrangements for Press representatives. Unveiling of Queen's statue at Bangalore. Railway passes for certain naval officers.
...	157	20th July 1905	... Ditto	...
111a	...	4th ditto	... Ditto	... Photographers for the tour.
111d	...	7th ditto	... Ditto	... } Encloses letter from Sir John Kennaway about address from Native Christian community.
...	174	25th ditto	... Ditto	...
100a	...	20th June 1905	... Ditto	... } Mohammed Aslam Khan's appointment on His Royal Highness' Staff.
...	147	16th July 1905	... Ditto	...
...	152	18th ditto	... Ditto	... Duck shooting in Sind in March.
...	162	22nd ditto	... Ditto	... Punjab Imperial Service Troops to be brought to Lahore.
...	177	27th ditto	... Ditto	... Question whether or not official accounts of Royal movements should be supplied to <i>Government of India Gazette</i> .
111b	...	4th ditto	... Ditto	... Reply to letter of 15th June. Byculla Ball and opening of new dock at Bombay. Publication of tour Political officers. Photographers. Artists. Toast at Banquets. Speeches in Native States and at opening of Queen Victoria Memorial Hall at Calcutta; hints for speeches and replies to addresses.

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...	178	27th July 1905	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Reply to above. Accommodation of Royal party and Staff at Government House, Calcutta.
...	180	29th ditto	Ditto	Two Native Clerks for Sir W. Lawrence.
...	182	31st ditto	Ditto	Unveiling of Queen's statue at Agra.
116a	...	14th ditto	Ditto	Reply to letter of 22nd June Princess to dine with Lord Kitchener on 5th January 1906. Madras Club Ball. Accommodation of Royal servants and Pressmen. Addresses. Conduct of receptions. Exhibition of Prince's Cup at Hamilton's. Telegram <i>re</i> publication of details of tour despatched that day.
116b	...	14th ditto	Ditto	Maharaja of Cooch Behar to entertain Their Royal Highnesses to lunch.
...	191	6th August 1905	Ditto	Forwards correspondence regarding the manner of entry of Their Royal Highnesses into Calcutta.
...	192	6th ditto	Ditto	Forwards letter from Maharaj Kumar Prodyat Coomar Tagore about native entertainment to Their Royal Highnesses at Calcutta.
...	195	9th ditto	Ditto	Exhibition of Prince's Cup for the Calcutta Races at Hamilton's.
...	198	11th ditto	Ditto	Sends copies of notes on arrangements for Press Correspondents in India.
142a	...	2nd ditto	Ditto	Reply to letter of 12th July about proposals for Quetta made by the Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan.
...	208	21st ditto	Ditto	Sends copies of a letter and telegram from Burma <i>re</i> requests that His Royal Highness should perform some ceremony of inauguration for various buildings, works, &c.
...	203	16th ditto	Ditto	Names of ladies who will have the honour of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses.
...	214	23rd ditto	Ditto	Sends copy of correspondence with Surgeon-General Bomford <i>re</i> a doctor for the Princess at Agra while the Prince is in Nepal.

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...	224	31st August 1905 ...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>contd.</i>	Duck shoot in Bahawalpur Bombay University address His Royal Highness's Extra Aide-de-Camps to meet him at Bombay and see him off at Karachi. Lord Fitzmaurice to be attached to His Royal Highnesses' Staff while at Delhi. Suggestion that His Royal Highness should visit electric works on the Cauvery. Notes on Native States.
...	225	1st September 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	} Opening of Victoria Memorial Park, Rangoon, by His Royal Highness.
...	231	6th ditto ...	Ditto	
153a	...	15th August 1905 ...	Ditto	Sir W. Lawrence's responsibility for transmitting official summaries of the tour to the Government Printer. Reply to letters of 17th and 20th July.
...	230	6th September 1905 ...	Ditto	Sends letter from Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, regarding crop reports, &c., of that province.
...	232	7th ditto ...	Ditto	Sends Foreign Department Memoranda on Native States.
...	235	14th ditto ...	Ditto	Condition of affairs in Rajputana in regard to famine possibilities.
175	...	7th ditto ..	Ditto	Suggestions for spending time between visits to Bombay and Lahore.
175a	...	7th ditto ...	Ditto	Unveiling of Queen's statue at Agra.
183a	...	18th ditto ...	Ditto	Appointment of Captain Birdwood Civil Surgeon of Agra, to attend on Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.
...	246	20th ditto ...	Ditto	} Precedence of Prince of Wales' staff.
216	...	26th October 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	251	21st September 1905 ...	Ditto	Gazetee articles.
...	259	27th ditto ...	Ditto	Sends copies of booklet on leading native gentlemen who may be presented to His Royal Highness.
...	268	5th October 1905 ...	Ditto	Impossibility of visit to the electric works on Cauvery.
...	272	12th ditto ...	Ditto	Address from the ladies of the Mysore family in Calcutta.

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...	273	12th October 1905 ...	LAWRENCE, SIR W.— <i>concl'd.</i>	Orders for the observance of King's wishes regarding ceremonial presents.
...	283	29th ditto ...	Ditto	} Question as to whether Viceroy should meet the Prince of Wales at Prince's Ghat or Government House.
222	...	3rd November 1905(Tel.)	Ditto	
...	292	11th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	
...	294	16th ditto ...	Ditto	... Presentation of an address from Bharata Dharma Mahamandala to Prince of Wales.
...	296	18th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... Question of Sir Andrew and Lady Fraser being present at Darjeeling during Royal visit there.
...	24	20th March 1905 ...	MARTINDALE, SIR A. H. T.	... Question of Knighthoods to be conferred by the Prince.
30	...	30th ditto ...	Ditto	Asks for advice on the draft programme for Rajputana.
...	156	19th July 1905 ...	MEYER, MR. W. S.	Reply to above.
...	199	11th August 1905 ...	Ditto	... Forwards letter from Jelf about expenditure in connection with Royal visit.
...	234	13th September 1905 ...	Ditto	... Forwards copy of letter from Mr. O'Dwyer re expenditure in North-Western Frontier Province connected with Royal visit.
...	238	17th ditto ...	Ditto	... United Provinces estimate of expenditure in connection with Royal tour.
...	276	13th October 1905 ...	Ditto	... North-West Frontier Province estimate of expenditure in connection with Royal visit.
...	91	3rd June 1905 ...	MILITARY SECRETARY to the Commander-in-Chief.	... Forwards copy of letter from Colonel H. A. Deane protesting against the reduction in the estimate of expenditure submitted.
99	...	19th ditto ...	Ditto	Officers and Aide-de-Camps to be appointed on Prince of Wales' Staff.
				... Reply to above.

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From	To			
...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	O'DWYER, MR. M. F., Officiating Chief Commissioner of North-West Frontier Province.	} List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Peshawar.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
147	...	7th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
150	...	10th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to letter of 30th May to the address of Colonel Deane about expenditure in connection with Royal visit.
...	202	14th ditto ...	Ditto ...	In continuation of above.
176	...	13th September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above two letters.
...	237	15th ditto (Tel)	Ditto ...	On above subject.
...	77	20th May 1905 ...	PAYNE, MR. C. F. ...	Ditto.
78	...	23rd ditto ...	Ditto ...	Provision of watercarts for watering the Maidan roads in Calcutta before the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses.
17	...	15th March 1905 ...	PEDLER, MR. A. ...	} Honorary Degree of D. L. of the Calcutta University for the Prince.
...	253	22nd September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
...	181	31st July 1905 ..	PRESS COMMUNIQUE ...	Receptions instead of Drawing Rooms to be held at Capital Cities.
157	...	17th August 1905 ...	PRIESTLEY, MR. N. G. ...	Intimates General Beatson's intention to carry Pressmen in the train following that of His Royal Highness.
...	212	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above, communicating General Beatson's views on the subject.
88	...	2nd June 1905 ...	PROBYN, SIR D. M. ...	Rank of Major-General to be given to General Beatson while on Prince of Wales' Staff.
20	...	18th March 1905 ...	RAVENSHAW, COL. C. W. ...	Nepal Prime Minister's suggestions on the subject of a shoot for the Prince.

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...	30	23rd March 1905 ...	RAVENSHAW, COL. C. W. —contd.	Conveys acceptance of the Nepal Prime Minister's invitation. Proposed arrangements.
34	...	1st April 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	59	2nd May 1905 ...	REYNOLDS, MR. H. W. W.	Enquiry as to possibility of travelling by motor from Agra to Fatehpur-Sikri and thence to Bhurtpore.
69	...	5th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	281	17th October 1905 ...	RISLEY, MR. H. H.	Police arrangements in Burma in connection with Royal tour
...	288b	1st November 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	Additional holiday for Calcutta in honour of Prince of Wales' visit.
...	290	4th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	Arrangements for meeting Prince of Wales at Howrah and Calcutta.
...	18	16th March 1905 ...	RIVAZ, SIR C. M.	Colonel F. Perry as possible Surgeon.
...	23	20th ditto ...	Ditto	Asks for advice on the draft programme for the Punjab.
23	...	21st ditto	Ditto	Reply to letter about Colonel Perry.
27	...	28th ditto	Ditto	Remarks and suggestions on the draft programme.
...	46	21st April 1905 ...	Ditto	Omission of Bahawalpur. Halting at Nabha.
50	...	24th ditto ...	Ditto	Reply to above. Enquiry as to acceptance of a ball in the Montgomery Hall, and as to responsibility for Prince's camp and entertainment at Delhi.
...	279	17th October 1905 ...	Ditto	Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	55	27th Ditto ...	ROBERTSON, MAJOR G. A.	Invitation to a ball in the Montgomery Hall. Responsibility for the Prince's camp and entertainment at Delhi.
58	...	28th ditto	SARATH KUMAR GHOSH	Offers to write the official account of the Prince of Wales' tour.
...	72	16th May 1905 ...	Ditto	Refers Sarath Kumar Ghosh to Sir W. Lawrence.

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...	86	30th May 1905 ...	SHEARME, MR. D. ...	Sends copy of note on expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	Ditto ...	} List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Rangoon and Mandalay.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
178	...	14th September 1905 (Tel.) ...	Ditto ...	
...	236	15th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Estimate of expenditure in connection with Royal visit.
...	134	7th ditto ...	SINGH, KUNWAR SIB HAR-NAM.	Presentation of an address from the Native Christian community.
...	128	28th June 1905 ...	STUART, MR. H. A. ...	} Draft orders regulating the presentation of addresses to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
109	...	1st July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
...	179	28th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	146	3rd August 1905 ...	TAGORE, MAHARAJ-KUMAR PRADYAT COOMAR.	Offers to place at the disposal of Their Royal Highnesses or His Excellency the Viceroy a motor car during the cold season. Forwards programme of native entertainment proposed to be offered to Their Royal Highnesses.
...	190	6th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above. Letter has been sent to Sir W. Lawrence for His Royal Highness's perusal.
151	...	13th ditto (Tel.) ...	Ditto ...	Date of Native fête on Maidan in Calcutta.
160	...	18th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Date of Native fête on Maidan in Calcutta. Revised programme of entertainment.
...	211	21st ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	131	5th July 1905 ...	TOUR OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA.	Itinerary of the Tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in India
...	266	4th October 1905 ..	Ditto ...	Revision of first part.

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...	113	24th June 1905	... TUCKER, HONOURABLE MR. A. L. P.	Communicates Royal tour programme for Quetta.
...	124	26th ditto	... Ditto	... Forwards copy of circular letter re expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
113	...	9th July 1905	... Ditto	... Comments on proposals of Prince of Wales' visit to Quetta.
128	...	18th ditto	... Ditto	... } Carriages for Royal party. Number of suite. Temporary quarters for suite. Temporary covered way connecting Durbar Room with Residence—inclusion of "Mehmani." Allotment in estimate.
...	169	24th ditto	... Ditto	...
...	279	17th October 1905	... Ditto	... Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	126	26th June 1905	... TURF CLUB, SECRETARY, CALCUTTA.	} Conditions of Prince of Wales' Cup Race to be run at Calcutta.
107	...	29th ditto	... Ditto	
62	...	1st May 1905	... TYLER, MR. H. G. S.	... Suggests having State dinner at the Chutter Munzil at Lucknow.
67	...	4th ditto	... Ditto	... Forwards letter from Secretary, Queen Victoria Memorial Fund Committee, requesting His Royal Highness to unveil Agra and Allahabad Memorials.
68	...	5th ditto	... Ditto	... Encloses letter from Secretary, Muhammadan Anglo Oriental College, Aligarh, requesting His Royal Highness to visit Aligarh and receive address from Trustees.
...	62	8th ditto	... Ditto	... Replies stating suggestion in letter of 1st May is a good one and will be transmitted to proper quarter.
...	63	8th ditto	... Ditto	... Reply to letter of 4th May; request to unveil Agra Memorial may be sent to His Royal Highness.
...	64	8th ditto	... Ditto	... Reply to letter of 5th May. Aligarh not included in programme.
...	86	30th ditto	... Ditto	... Sends copy of note on expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
84	...	30th ditto	... Ditto	... Inquiry as to State dinner at Agra.

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...	90	2nd June 1905	TYLER, MR. H. G. S.— <i>contd.</i>	Intimation to be sent to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor when details of programme are settled.
101	...	21st ditto	Ditto	...
...	187	3rd August 1905	Ditto	...
148	...	8th ditto	Ditto	...
..	196	11th ditto	Ditto	...
175b	...	11th September 1905	Ditto	...
197	...	28th ditto	Ditto	...
...	262	29th ditto	Ditto	...
...	254	25th ditto	Ditto	...
...	274	12th October 1905	Ditto	...
...	215	23rd August 1905	UPCOTT, MR. F. R.	...
168	...	25th ditto	Ditto	...
...	3	5th January 1905	WALES, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF—	Skeleton programmes with explanations as drawn up by the Viceroy.
10	...	17th February 1905	Ditto	...
...	13	9th March 1905	Ditto	...
...	54	27th April 1905	Ditto	...
...	60	4th May 1905	Ditto	...
76a	...	18th ditto	Ditto	...
...	97	15th June 1905	Ditto	...

Intimation to be sent to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor when details of programme are settled.

Reply to letter to Sir J D LaTouche dated 15th June 1905, *re* tour of Prince of Wales in the United Provinces.

List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Lucknow, Agra, and Benares.

Estimate of expenditure in the United Provinces in connection with Royal tour

Prince's movements after return to Agra from Fatehpur-Sikri.

Unveiling of the statue of the Queen-Empress at Agra.

Doctor to attend Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales at Agra.

Sends letters from Douglas and Olivier regarding the issue of railway passes to Pressmen.

Reply to above.

Skeleton programmes with explanations as drawn up by the Viceroy.

Programme as approved by the King. Memorandum by the Prince. His wish not to revisit any place (Calcutta). Desire to see Simla.

Reply to above. Suggested modifications in the programme.

Amended sketch programme down to visit to Calcutta.

Continuation of above.

Proposes to reply to letter of 27th April fully by the next mail.

Bombay Chiefs, return visits to. Invitation from Chiefs who will not be visited. Duck shooting in Bahawalpur and Sind. Present to Golden Temple, Amritsar.

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82	...	26th May 1905 ...	WALES, HIS ROYAL HIGH- NESS THE PRINCE OF—	Landing at Aden. Arrival at Bom- bay, &c. Visits from and to Bom- bay Chiefs—Address from Chamber of Commerce, Bombay. Levée at Bombay. Receptions instead of Drawing rooms at Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta. University function at Calcutta. Laying of foundation stone of new Museum. Snipe or quail shoot near Kaiia. No visit to Ahmedabad, Poona, Rajputana Chiefs. Political Officers. Mayo College foundation stone. A line of thanks from His Royal Highness to Chiefs who wished to entertain him. Stay at Rajputana. Rest at Jaipur, Udaipur, and Bikanir. Stay at Delhi. Visits of Chiefs. Punjab Chiefs. Duckshooting in March. Address at Peshawar. and Reception instead of Levy. Visit to Jammu. Visit to Khal-a College. Present to Golden Temple. Visits to Delhi, and Agra, two days' shoot at Bhur- pore. No tiger-shoot at Biana. Original programme for Gwalior, Talukdars' Reception and illumina- tions at Lucknow.
87	...	2nd June 1905 ...	Ditto	... Reply to letter of 4th May 1905.
...	105	22nd ditto ...	Ditto	... Lord Kitchener's desire to entertain Princess as well as Prince on 5th January.
111c	...	6th July 1905 ...	Ditto	... Acknowledges letter of 15th June.
...	176	27th ditto ...	Ditto	... Reply to above.
...	213	23rd August 1905 ...	Ditto	... Expresses regret at being deprived of the honour of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses.
183b	...	18th September 1905 ...	Ditto	... Expresses his gratitude for trouble taken in arranging details of tour.
...	267	5th October 1905 ...	Ditto	... Reply to above.
...	291	11th November 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto	...
223	...	11th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... } Exchange of expressions of pleasure at meeting.
...	295	18th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	...
225	...	18th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto	... } Telegrams of farewell.

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...	81	23rd May 1905 ...	WATKIS, LT.-COL. H. B. B...	Sends extract from Sir W. Lawrence's letter <i>re Renown</i> , and asks for replies to questions asked therein.
81	...	25th ditto ...	WHITE, SIR THIRKELL ...	Suggestions on programme of His Royal Highness' visit to Burma.
98	...	18th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Cost of a Khedda for His Royal Highness in Burma.
...	121	26th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Reply to above.
...	155	19th July 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Definite orders regarding Burma programme.
135	..	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Dates of Royal visit to Burma.
...	167	23rd ditto ...	Ditto ...	
127a	...	18th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Reception and entertainments for His Royal Highness during his visit to Burma.
...	171	24th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
158	..	18th August 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto ...	} Irrawadi Flotilla Company's steamer selected for river journey of Their Royal Highnesses in Burma.
...	205	19th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
152	...	14th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Request that His Royal Highness should perform some ceremony of inauguration for various buildings, works, &c.
170	...	25th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
159	...	18th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
164	...	22nd ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Irrawadi Flotilla Company's desire to be hosts to Their Royal Highnesses during river journey.
167	...	25th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
...	218	26th ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
170	...	25th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Opening of Victoria Memorial Park, Rangoon, by His Royal Highness.
...	243	19th September 1905 (Tel) ...	Ditto ...	
175c	...	12th ditto ...	Ditto ...	} Question of <i>pardah-nashin</i> ladies being received by Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales.
...	244	19th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
211	...	15th October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Submits detailed programme for Burma.
213	...	19th ditto (Tel)	Ditto ...	Date of presentation of colours to 91st Punjabis at Rangoon.
...	279	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	286	29th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Detailed Burma programme.

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...	115	24th June 1905 ...	WILLIAMS, Hon. Mr. A. ...	Orders in connection with the Royal tour in Mysore.
...	220	26th August 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Suggestion that His Royal Highness should visit electric works on Cauvery.
...	248	21st September 1905 ...	Ditto ...	
190	...	22nd ditto (Tel.)	Ditto ...	
202	...	2nd October 1905 (Tel.)	Ditto ...	Impossibility of fitting in visit to electric works.
...	279	17th ditto ...	Ditto ...	Procedure for toasts at banquets.
...	86	30th May 1905 ...	WYNCH, Mr. L. M. ...	Sends copy of note on expenditure by Local Governments in connection with Royal visit.
...	96	14th June 1905 ...	Ditto ...	His Royal Highness' decision to hold a reception of both sexes instead of Drawing room.
...	187	3rd August 1905 ...	Ditto ...	List of Indian notables to be seen by His Royal Highness at Madras.
...	197	11th ditto ...	Ditto ...	
...	279	17th October 1905 ...	Ditto ...	Procedure for toasts at banquets.

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No. 1.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 21st December 1904.

Private. Prince of Wales' tour. Next week I will send skeleton programmes, on which I am now at work.

No. 2.

Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for India, dated 29th December 1904.

I am not able to send to the Prince of Wales this week the alternative tours for which he asked. It is an immense undertaking working out a programme for some five months extending over the whole of India, and as I am the only person here who has visited the whole country, the task falls perforce on my own shoulders. I have not a doubt that we can improve immensely in every way upon the tour of the present King thirty years ago. On that occasion the plans broke down frequently from lack of proper forethought and arrangements; the divisions of time, labour, and distance were most imperfectly thought out, and useless days and hours were spent in some places while other important centres were neglected altogether. Since those days there has been a remarkable shifting of the balance of political interests, and places or States which it was not important to visit then have assumed a prominence which renders it impossible to pass them over now.

No. 3.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, January 5th, 1905.

[Private]

SIR,

I have the honour to forward to Your Royal Highness several duplicate copies of the Skeleton Indian tours which I promised to draw up while at

Windsor : and I also send the present letter in print (with several duplicates) in case Your Royal Highness may desire to show it to any one else.

In one sense Your Royal Highness may rely upon the tour programmes—whatever change may require to be introduced into them. Each detail is based upon actual experience, since I have visited every one of the localities referred to during the last few years, and am therefore familiar with the distances and with the probable consumption of time.

In drawing up the plans I have proceeded upon certain general assumptions which I trust that Your Royal Highness will allow me to state, as they govern almost all the recommendations made.

(1) I have assumed that Your Royal Highness will arrive in India either on exactly or on approximately the same date as did His Majesty the King in 1875, and that you will leave again in the month of March, either at about the same date or later than the King's departure, which was on March 13th, 1876.

(2) An inevitable division of the tour into two parts is provided by the Christmas visit to Calcutta. It will, I think, be generally recognised as desirable that as in the case of the King, Your Royal Highness should arrange your visit to Calcutta at that time. Similarly the entire tour falls geographically into two parts, Western and Northern India, and Eastern and Southern India. The first question then to settle is which of these two parts should precede Calcutta, and which follow it.

The arrangement of the tour is in this respect the inverse of that adopted by the King. But His Majesty's movements were affected by the decision to include Ceylon : they involved the omission of Mysore and Hyderabad : they entailed visiting Southern India at the hottest portion of the cold weather season, and the sacrifice of a good deal of time at sea ; and when Northern India was visited, there was a good deal of duplication of railway journeys, which it would be better to avoid. I strongly recommend therefore that Your Royal Highness should choose the opposite order. In this way you will proceed at an early date to the cooler regions of the Punjab and the Frontier ; you will visit each place (and not one or two places only) at the most agreeable season ; you will have got through the bulk of the hard work in the first two months of the tour ; and you will enjoy the sport in each part of the country at the time when sport is most likely to be successful. For instance, if Mysore and Hyderabad were visited before Christmas, there would be little chance of a good shoot. Similarly the Rajputana small game shooting can only be enjoyed in December.

(3) Subject to the above condition I have endeavoured, as far as possible, to keep to the general outlines of the King's tour : although the extension of railways and the greater speed of trains will enable more places to be visited and visited easily than would have been possible in a corresponding period of time 30 years ago.

(4) I have proposed that Your Royal Highness should honour the following Indian Princes by visits to their capitals—

Hyderabad	...	...	} 21 guns
Baroda	...	...
Mysore	...	...
Gwalior	...	...	19 guns
Jaipur	...	...	17 „ (21 personal.)
Bikanir	...	...	17 „

Baroda perhaps suggests a doubt since, though perfectly loyal to the Throne, he is neither very friendly nor respectful to the Government of India and often causes us great and intentional annoyance. On the other hand, comment might be caused were he alone left out of the 21-gun Chiefs, and as he is the only surviving Ruling Chief who himself entertained the present King in 1875 (though only a boy at the time), he will perhaps feel that he has a sort of prescriptive right to the honour. Your Royal Highness will know all about the other Chiefs who have been suggested, and the reasons for their selection.

I have found a place for Bikanir in one of the alternative programmes; since he is one of Your Royal Highness's A.-D.-C.'s and a very attractive Chief. Moreover, the Imperial Sand Grouse at Gujner near Bikanir are a great attraction. But it is always a chance whether they are "in," and in what numbers. For instance, in the year that I was there only 136 were shot on the best morning, whereas this year 1,500 were killed. The unfortunate thing about Bikanir is that it is situated so far away in the desert, and that a considerable sacrifice of time is involved in the journey to and fro.

There are two Native States visited by the King which I have omitted. These are Jammu and Indore. Both Maharajas are 19-gun Chiefs. Jammu does not repay a visit or deserve the time. The Maharaja of Indore is now a minor.

(5) The suggested programmes provide for Your Royal Highness visiting the three capital cities of Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras, and the following great and populous cities in British India: Lahore, Umritsar, Peshawar, Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, Benares, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, and Bangalore. They also embrace Rangoon and Mandalay in Burma.

(6) I have felt absolutely compelled to include Burma in the programme, though Your Royal Highness told me that you were somewhat reluctant about it. I have since consulted Sir Hugh Barnes, the Lieutenant-Governor, and other high authorities, and I feel sure that if Burma were omitted there would be a very genuine and regrettable outcry. There already exists in Burma a separatist party who argue for severance from India and treatment as a separate Colony, and fuel would be added to these flames if Your

Royal Highness were, by omitting Burma from your tour, to give colour to the belief that it is not regarded as a part, or is only regarded as an inferior part of the Indian Empire. I would plead most strongly for its retention. I have proposed that Your Royal Highness should visit it at the pleasantest season of the year, and I venture to think that you would find in the delightful sea voyage to and fro a most agreeable interval of rest.

(7) Lord Ampthill particularly begged that Your Royal Highness should not visit Madras in December when it is very hot, moist, unpleasant, and often rainy. January is the best season of the year for Madras.

(8) There is one point to which I have paid great attention and which is the deciding factor in most Indian tour programmes, *viz.*, the Sundays. I have endeavoured to arrange that Your Royal Highness shall never travel on that day (at least before the evening), and that you shall always have it as a day of quiet. Furthermore, public opinion might be a little sensitive were an opposite course adopted.

(9) I have assumed that Your Royal Highnesses would be willing, in order to economise time, to travel at night. It is the only way in which the great distances can be satisfactorily covered in India; or in which one can arrive in the early morning at one's destination. A State Entry, such as Your Royal Highnesses will invariably have, must, in this climate, take place either between 8 and 10 A. M. or between 4 and 6 P. M. (and the former is the better). The new railway carriages which we have already had built for Your Royal Highnesses are so comfortable, and run so smoothly, that you will have no difficulty in sleeping in them, and the monotony and heat of travelling throughout the day are so great that one almost welcomes a night journey.

(10) At all the great cities referred to the Municipalities will ask to present addresses. The necessary replies to these can be of the briefest description and need give Your Royal Highness very little, if any, personal trouble. Remaining functions, such as stone-laying and the like, will be kept down as much as possible, though doubtless there will be many requests. The most important ceremonial duties falling upon Your Royal Highness will undoubtedly be the receiving and returning of the visits of Ruling Chiefs. But these cannot in any case be avoided, and our efforts must be devoted to economising time and distributing the labour as much as possible. Probably the best plan will be to assemble the Chiefs of each province, either at the provincial capital or at some suitable centre, and then to invite the remainder (if of sufficiently high rank) to Calcutta. In this way a rather exacting obligation will be spread out over a considerable space of time.

(11) I will venture to add a few words about sport:

Tigers.—Jaipur and Gwalior are among the very few States which can be trusted to show tigers in the winter. Both can make a practical certainty

of it. The King did not have a shot at a tiger until he had been in India for three months. But Your Royal Highness will get yours during the first month. In the greater part of India the best time for tiger-shooting is from February or later till May. Hyderabad is a certainty in February, Mysore gives a fair chance. In Nepal in March the bag should be at least 20 tigers.

Elephants.—Mysore can provide an almost certain shot at wild elephants. They can be shot there from elephant-back, thus escaping the risk of stalking on foot.

Rhinoceros.—This also is a certainty in the Nepal Terai. Rhinoceros shooting is not very interesting, but they are becoming rare and are therefore much sought after.

Bison.—There are bison in Mysore, though the winter is not the best time in which to shoot them there. If Your Royal Highness is not lucky enough to get a bison in Mysore, we can arrange a shoot for the purpose elsewhere, should you desire it, after your return to Calcutta. Some of the finest bison are of course to be found in Southern India, notably in Travancore. But they have to be stalked there on foot, owing to the density of the jungle; there is fear of fever; and the strain is very great. I think that those who are responsible for Your Royal Highness' safety would prefer not to run any of these risks.

Sambar, cheetul, and other deer, bears, &c.—These and other animals are found in greater or less abundance in every Indian jungle, and are usually shot in the intervals between tiger-beats or on off-days, when there is no "kill". Black buck can be shot on any day at Jaipur, Baroda, or many other places.

Imperial sandgrouse.—I have already mentioned these at Bikanir. They are shot from butts erected on the shore of a lake to which they come fighting in from the desert to drink in the early morning (8—10-30 A. M.), and if they come in sufficient numbers and the lakes are not dried up, they give fine sport. Their flight is quite unlike that of any other bird, and does not in the least resemble that of a grouse.

Wild duck.—If there have been good rains and the water is out in the *jhils* or marshes at Bhurtpore, Your Royal Highness will have the best duck shoot in the world. The guns are placed on dykes or banks between the different parts of the swamp, and the birds fly backwards and forwards from 10 A. M. till sundown without intermission and at a great height. On the last occasion when I was there we killed considerably over 2,000 in the day.

Snipe.—The snipe-shooting in India is not what it was, and in the neighbourhood of big cities it is very difficult to obtain. In Burma, however, and probably elsewhere, it should be possible to make arrangements.

I think that I have now covered most of the ground, and it only remains for me to add that the skeleton plans will of course admit of any modification that Your Royal Highness may desire: and that every one here will be zealous to meet Your Royal Highness's wishes in every possible way and to do his best to make the tour an unparalleled success. Should the Princess of Wales, after your contemplated return to Calcutta in February, be unable to accompany Your Royal Highness into the jungle, which is not always very suitable for ladies, Government House, Calcutta, will be proud to entertain Her Royal Highness as long as she may consent to honour it.

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highness's faithful and obedient Servant,

(Sd.) CURZON.

Skeleton Tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, 1905-6.

Part I.—Bombay to Calcutta (November—December 23rd, 1905).

FIRST ALTERNATIVE (A).

Arriving Bombay—Wednesday, November 8th.

S= Sunday.

Nov. 8th—15th (7 days)	Bombay	Here would be assembled Bombay Chiefs and visits and return visits would be made.
" 16th—23rd (8 days)	Baroda	Not very interesting, but was visited by the King in 1875. Gaekwar is one of three 42-gun Chiefs.
" 24th—29th S (6 days)	Jaipur	The first day would be ceremonial. On the second day the Maharaja could probably make sure of providing a winter tiger.
" 30th	Train	
" 31st—28th (3 days)	Lahore	Capital of the Punjab. Exchange of visits with Northern Punjab Chiefs.
" 29th	Amritsar	80 miles from Lahore. Visit Golden Temple of Sikhs. Train through night, 810 miles to Peshawar.
" 30th—26th S	Peshawar	
" 27th	Visit Kyber and back.	If it were decided to sleep the night at Lundi Kotla, the return could be made to Peshawar on morning of 28th.
" 28th—29th (2 days)	Bawal Pindi	Military manoeuvres or camp of exercise.
Dec. 1st	Train to Delhi	
" 2nd—6th (5 days)	Delhi	Big Camp. Exchange of visits with Southern Punjab Chiefs.
" 7th—18th (12 days)	Agra	Big Camp. Including a day for big duck shoot at Bhurtpore (30 miles by train from Agra). Exchange of visits with neighbouring Rajput and Central Indian Chiefs.
" 19th—27th S (9 days)	Gwalior	The Maharaja is certain to have one or two winter tigers.
" 28th—29th (2 days)	Lucknow	The Talukdars of Oudh will give a great fête.
" 30th	Benares	
" 31st	Train	
" 2nd	Calcutta, arrive	Saturday is by far the best day on which to arrive at Calcutta.

SECOND ALTERNATIVE (B).

Arriving Bombay—Monday, November 6th.

Nov. 6th—12th (7 days)	Bombay	
" 13th—15th (3 days)	Baroda	
" 16th—17th	Train	This plan provides for going rather more quickly to the Punjab and the Frontier and returning Jaipur for 2½ weeks.
" 18th—20th (3 days)	Lahore	Perhaps return following the capture of a tiger here.
" 21st	Amritsar	
" 22nd	Peshawar	
" 23rd	Kyber	
" 24th	Peshawar	
" 25th—26th	Bawal Pindi	
(i) To include Bihar and Jaipur (at the cost of reducing the time at Delhi and Agra). (ii) To exclude Bihar.		
Nov. 28th	Train to Bikanir.	Nov. 28th— Dec. 3rd S (6 days)
" 29th—Dec. 1st (3 days)	Bikanir (shoot Imperial sandgrouse).	" 4th—5th (2 days)
Dec. 2nd—4th	Jaipur.	" 6th—10th (5 days)
" 5th	Bhurtpore (duck shoot).	" 11th—15th (5 days)
" 6th—9th (4 days)	Delhi.	" 16th—18th (3 days)
" 10th—11th (2 days)	Agra.	" 19th—21st (3 days)
" 12th—17th S (6 days)	Gwalior.	" 22nd—24th (3 days)
" 18th—20th (3 days)	Lucknow.	" 25th—27th (3 days)
" 21st	Benares.	" 28th—30th (3 days)
" 22nd	Train.	" 31st (1 day)
" 23rd	Calcutta, arrive.	" 24th—26th (3 days)

Skeleton Tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, 1905-6.

Part II.—Calcutta to Bombay (December 23rd, 1905—March 1906).

S = Sunday.			
Dec. 22nd—Jan 5th ... (13 days)	Calcutta	...	This would include the Calcutta Race week (Theobald's Cup), the Proclamation Parade on 1st January, a Charter of the Star of India, and the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall. If thought desirable, a trip could be made to Darjeeling to see the Himalayas.
Jan. 5th—7th ...	Sea ..	..	The arrival at Rangoon would be early on Monday morning.
" 8th—18th ... (11 days)	Burma	..	
" 19th—22nd ...	Sea ...	...	The return journey from Rangoon to Madras could be made either by sea direct from port to port, or from Rangoon to some point on the East Coast of India, such as Pondicherry or Vizagapatam, and thence by rail to Madras—according to which was preferred (Sunday, January 16th and 21st, would thus in all probability be passed on shipboard, January 14th in Burma).
" 23rd—29th ... (7 days)	Madras	...	This is the coolest season at Madras. The stay would include Sunday, January 28th.
" 29th—31st ... (3 days)	Visit to Tanjore and Trichinopoly.	...	Southern India would probably be disappointed if Their Royal Highnesses did not visit any of the large cities in that part. The King visited at both in 1875.
Feb. 1st—3rd ...	Bangalore	...	
" 4th S—11th S ...	Mysore	...	Visit to the Capital, Mysore, (the Maharaja is a 21-gun Chief) and shoot in jungles—tiger, elephant, possibly bison.
" 12th—20th ...	Hyderabad	...	Visit to the Capital (the Nizam is the first of the 21-gun Chiefs) and shooting camp. Tigers abundant.
" 21st—26th ...	Calcutta	...	A return might be made at this stage to Calcutta.
<p>From this date onwards the tour would be arranged with a view to the date of Their Royal Highnesses' departure from Bombay. The King left in 1876 on March 13th. The Prince will probably desire to shoot tigers and rhino in the Nepal Terai as the guest of the Nepalese Durbar. For this 12 to 14 days will suffice, according to the locality and the amount of game. The best time is March. Should His Royal Highness not have shot a bison and be able to spare the time, a week could perhaps be arranged at a camp in the Central Provinces before the Nepal shoot is undertaken. From the latter a return would be made direct to Bombay. The whole of the latter part of the tour, i. e., from Bangalore onwards, could be greatly contracted, if thought desirable.</p>			

Tour of His Majesty the King (when Prince of Wales), 1875-6.

Part I.—Bombay to Calcutta (November 8th–December 23rd, 1875.)			Part II.—Calcutta to Bombay (December 23rd, 1875 –March 13th, 1876)		
Nov. 8th–12th ...	Bombay.		Dec. 23rd–Jan. 3rd	Calcutta.	
(5 days.)			(12 days.)		
„ 13th–15th ...	Poona ...	These arrangements were ex- temporised to fill the gap caused by the abandonment (owing to cholera) of a shoot- ing camp in Southern India.	Jan. 4th ...	Patna ...	Halt on way to Benares.
„ 16th–18th ...	Bombay ...		„ 5th ...	Benares.	
„ 19th–23rd ...	Baroda ...		„ 6th–9th ...	Lucknow.	
(5 days.)			„ 10th ..	Cawnpore.	
„ 24th–25th ...	Bombay ...		„ 11th–17th ...	Delhi ...	Including Military Review and Manœuvres.
„ 26th ...	Sea.		(7 days)		
„ 27th ...	Goa.		„ 18th–19th ...	Lahore.	
„ 28th–30th ...	Sea.		„ 20th–21st ...	Jummu.	
			„ 22nd–23rd ...	Lahore.	
Dec. 1st–9th ...	Ceylon.		„ 24th ...	Umritsar.	
„ 10th ...	Tuticorin, Tinnevely, Madura.		„ 25th–30th ...	Agra ...	Camp.
„ 11th–12th ...	Trichinopoly.		(6 days.)		
„ 13th–18th ...	Madras.		„ 31st–Feb. 1st	Gwalior.	
(6 days.)			Feb. 2nd–3rd ...	Agra	
„ 19th–22nd ...	Sea.		„ 4th ...	Bhurtpore.	
„ 23rd ...	Calcutta, arrive.		„ 5th–6th ...	Jaipur.	
			„ 7th ...	Agra.	
			„ 8th–20th ..	Kumaon. ...	Shooting camp in British territory.
			„ 21st–Mar. 6th	Nepal.	Shooting camp in Nepal Terai.
			March 7th–8th ...	Train.	Halt at Allahabad.
			„ 9th–10th ..	Indore.	
			„ 11th–13th	Bombay ...	The <i>Serapis</i> sailed on March 13th.

No. 4.

*Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for India,
dated 5th January 1905.*

I am sending home to you a copy of my alternative skeleton tours for the Prince of Wales. I have written a full letter to him explaining the principles upon which I have throughout proceeded, and as I have sent him several duplicate copies of this letter in print, he can, if he likes, show it to you or to anybody else. Knowing the reluctance of the Prince of Wales to undertake a very laborious tour, and his desire to exclude business and ceremonial as much as possible, I have introduced the minimum rather than the maximum of what he would be expected to do. Every detail and distance have been worked out from the actual experience which I have myself enjoyed during the past six years, since I have had the good fortune to visit each of the suggested localities myself.

Now as regards cost. You have not so far given me any idea of the views which His Majesty's Government are likely to entertain on the matter, nor have I yet been able to procure the papers from our departments which will show me exactly what was done in this country thirty years ago. I believe, however, that what occurred was more or less as follows. Parliament voted a sum to the present King of £60,000 for what were called personal expenses, the greater part of which, I imagine, went in presents; then I believe that the Admiralty expenses for the *Serapis* and other ships amounted to something over £50,000; while I fancy that the Indian revenues were charged with a sum of some £30,000 for the expenses of the Prince's travel and entertainment during the period that he was in this country. It seems useless for me to offer remarks on any of these headings until I know whether on the present occasion you propose to place any charge upon Indian revenues at all.

A very important question, however, which must be settled at an early date, is that of presents and return presents. I hold most strongly to the opinion, which I expressed repeatedly to the King, to the Prince of Wales, to Knollys, and to Bigge, that present-giving by the Indian Chiefs must be absolutely forbidden, and forbidden in advance. The calls of recent years have made a very heavy drain upon their purses, and it is not fair that a Chief who, if he entertains the Prince, will have to spend at least £20,000 upon it, should spend another £20,000 upon giving a jewelled sword and scabbard; while even those Chiefs who do not actually entertain the Prince will be put to very considerable expense by having to come to the provincial capital or some other place and to provide themselves with a camp or with quarters of a character that will admit of their receiving and being received by the Prince. Whatever

orders you may issue in advance in the attempt to limit the scale or character of the presents received, so long as they are permitted at all nothing will restrain the emulation of the Indian Princes or greatly modify the total value of the gifts that would, in these circumstances, ultimately be taken out of the country. If it is said that only small personal offerings are permissible, a Chief will give the Princess of Wales an emerald which is worth £10,000; if only products of the State itself are permitted, he will have an enamelled gold vessel made by his Court jewellers, and heavily incrustated with gems. You have merely to go to the room in Buckingham Palace in which the collection brought by the present King from India is displayed in glass-cases around the walls to form some idea of the manner in which, if the Chiefs are left to themselves, or even if a certain option is left to them (as was the case in 1875), they will interpret the permission. In my view the Heir-Apparent ought not to come to this country to extract presents on a large scale from the Feudatories of the Crown. He ought to come here to visit as many of them as he can in their States, to make their acquaintance, to exchange civilities with them, and himself to give handsome presents to all those who have been put to great expenditure on his behalf. But he ought not to carry out of the country a costly collection of valuables to line the walls of a Royal museum at home. The only way in which to stop this is by letting it be known in advance that no presents from the Chiefs will be received, and by making the Princes' presents the acknowledgments of hospitality received rather than a return of inferior value for gifts of much greater richness already presented by them.

Lawrence, I know, agrees with me in holding the strongest views upon the subject, and I told both the King and the Prince of Wales that I should be most reluctant to assume responsibility for a tour that was conducted upon other lines. Of course, what I have written to you here is only for your own eye, and must not be seen by those who are interested: but I think that you are entitled to a full exposition of my views.

No. 5.

Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to His Majesty the King-Emperor, dated 11th January 1905.

Last week the Viceroy had the honour to send some tour sketches, with an explanatory letter, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. As far as possible the general outlines of Your Majesty's tour were followed. The Viceroy presumes that if Sir W. Lawrence is permitted to accompany the

Prince of Wales, he will also be commissioned to write the official account of the tour. This he is not only competent to do but will probably do better than anyone else; for he knows India by heart, and has a ready and ingenious pen. The Viceroy was reading the other day old Billy Russell's account in 1875-6 and it might easily be improved upon.

The Viceroy has postponed the laying of the foundation-stone of the Hall until next winter, when he hopes to have the honour of requesting the Prince of Wales to perform the ceremony. This would be a most appropriate thing; and would confer great *éclat* upon the proceedings.

The Gaekwar, who, as is known, is one of the cleverest but most unsatisfactory Indian Princes (since he is always affronting Government in such ways as are open to him, and sides, where he can, with the unfriendly Native party), has suddenly startled the Viceroy by intimating his desire to leave India on a foreign tour for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years! Out of the 23 years for which he has ruled his State he has already been absent from India for nearly $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, but the present proposal puts all previous performances in the shade. Of course so extended an absence could not, in any case, be permitted. Fancy a European Sovereign who proposed to disappear from his State on purposes of amusement (disguised under the pursuit of health) for such a period. We should very soon hear of a Regency or something even stronger. However, in the present case an even more apposite ground for refusal is forthcoming. The Viceroy is informing the Gaekwar that it is not impossible that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales may visit India in the next cold weather, and is expressing a confident opinion that in such a case His Highness—the only surviving Indian Chief who personally entertained Your Majesty 30 years ago—will not wish to be absent from his State at so important a juncture.

No. 6.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 8th February 1905, 9-50 p. m.

Private. I hope I shall hear from you before long about the probable visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Are we to make any provision for it in the Budget, or has any decision been arrived at as to the incidence of cost? No doubt you will consult the Government of India as to say charge that may be placed on Indian revenues.

No. 7.

*Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for
dated 16th February 1905.*

As regards the Prince of Wales's visit, we shall make no difficulty in paying the cost of his entertainment in this country. In your letter you use the words "his actual entertainment on landing," but I think it is clear that you must mean his entire entertainment after landing and during the period for which he remains in this country. I am glad that my views on presents have been accepted. They will not be incompatible with the offer by the Prince himself of reasonable gifts in return for hospitality received. I shall of course have to inform our Political Officers in a confidential circular at an early date, that the question of presents has been settled in this way. Other than at the moment the announcement of the Prince's visit is made every Chief of India will order his costly gift, and the harm will be done. Will you kindly let me know at some date between the receipt of this letter and the Budget Debate whether I shall then be in a position to announce officially the impending visit? All the Local Governments are waiting for orders, and it will be inconvenient if the declaration is any further delayed.

No. 8.

To COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G.C.V.O., &c., Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 16th, 1905

MY DEAR BIGGE,

I am much obliged for your letter. Of course it will be quite easy to arrange for five days at Rawal Pindi for a camp of exercise. I agree that it is most important and will work it all out with Kitchener. I can cut down Delhi, or some other item.

Can you tell me if His Royal Highness has decided to take General Stuart Beatson as manager of the military and travelling aspects of his tour? I most strongly recommend him as the best man in India for the purpose. It is important that I should know without delay, as his future employment has to be decided, and I must arrange to put him on deputation at an early date. I would propose to send him in advance to every place and State likely to be visited by Their Royal Highnesses so as to discuss and supervise the preparations.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 9.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 25th February 1905.

Private. Royal visit. With reference to your private telegram of 24th instant, I think that the 5th paragraph might be misunderstood since, Native Chiefs do not, with very rare exceptions, attend levées, but are entitled to exchange of visits. I would propose to substitute "During tour His Royal Highness will receive Princes and Chiefs who rule under paramount protection of the King-Emperor, and will hold levées at which will be presented to him principal personages of His Majesty's Indian dominions." I approve of remainder on the understanding that the concluding words do not preclude the presentation by important public bodies of formal addresses and caskets.

No. 10.

To COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Viceroy's Camp, Bombay, March 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR BIGGE,

Many thanks for your letter of February 9th.

I have sent for General Stuart Beatson to Calcutta and propose to arrange with him to go home to see His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in April or as soon as can be managed.

It will be quite easy to divide the duties between him and Lawrence in such a way that the sphere of each will be clearly defined. They are such old friends that disputes are impossible: and each will know his business superlatively well.

I have been thinking about a Doctor and will write at greater length a little later on. I do not know Colonel Perry myself. But I believe him to be a very competent man. I will enquire whether he possesses the other necessary qualifications.

The announcement of His Royal Highness's visit has been received with the utmost gratification throughout India.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

P. S.—I have just brought Lady Curzon ashore.

No. 11.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K.C.I.E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceroy's Camp, March 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

Many thanks for your recent letters; also for your culminating article on the Selection of the Fittest which was very generous.

I congratulate you that all is settled about your part in the Tour. The announcement has been exceedingly well received in the papers. I am to send Beatson home to discuss his part in the programme.

I shall issue a circular letter to Political Officers about presents. There must be *no* opening for misunderstanding.

I will get Baring to send you the rates of tips on our tours. He is himself leaving us this summer in order to enter into business in London, so that he will be available if his knowledge or advice is required.

I have been asked whether Perry will do as a Doctor, but have not yet been requested to nominate a policeman. Bignell would be excellent.

Wigram leaves in a fortnight for eight months' leave in England. I do not know how this would affect his being chosen or whether I shall be asked to recommend Indian A.-D.-C.'s. Of course he would be invaluable.

Doubtless I shall hear next mail from the Prince.

I have just brought Lady Curzon ashore.

More later.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 12.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 7th March 1905, 4-30 p. m.

Private. Please refer to your private telegram of the 24th February. I do not think it would do to confine any additional honours to Natives on the visit of the Prince of Wales. The standard of qualification among these is already over than among Europeans, and it would be a pity to depreciate it further. Moreover, resentment would be aroused among Europeans. Two additions to the Orders have already been made in the last eight years, namely, for Queen's Jubilee, and for Delhi Durbar, and I should deprecate a third. The majority of Indian decorations are already, in my opinion, too cheaply obtained, and are beginning to be regarded as concomitant of certain official status rather than reward of merit. On the other hand, owing to the Tibetan and other recent honours, the number at present available is extraordinarily low, and in some

cases there is actual deficit. My inclination therefore would be to have no honours list in June next, and thus to reserve all we can for January 1906. The Prince's decision not to hold a Chapter at Calcutta renders it easy to dispense with a large list. Do you concur?

No. 13.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 9th, 1905.

SIR,

I have had the honour to receive Your Royal Highness's gracious letter of February 17th, 1905, together with the accompanying enclosures, and I am very sensible of the compliment paid to me by Your Royal Highness in consenting to be so largely guided by my advice. Since some time must necessarily elapse before I have received the replies of those officers whom I am consulting confidentially on the proposals, I will today only offer the following observations, and I am again having my manuscript letter turned into print, since I think that it may be more convenient to Your Royal Highness at the other end. I also propose to send two or three copies of each letter, since Your Royal Highness may wish to pass them on to Lawrence or to somebody else. I hope, however, not to trouble Your Royal Highness much in the future, but to write about details to Lawrence or Bigge.

I think that the general scheme of Tour laid down by Your Royal Highness can be successfully carried out, though I shall probably be obliged to suggest modifications in a few particulars :

(1) I concur in Your Royal Highness's intention not to visit Baroda. Though the Gaekwar is a Prince of great ability, he is ill-conditioned and cantankerous. We learn that he is likely to make a fuss about returning to India from his projected foreign tour in order to be among those who will have the honour of greeting Your Royal Highness, and in these circumstances he is certainly deserving of no consideration.

(2) I am delighted that you propose to visit Ajmer. I had myself included it in one of the many sketch programmes that I had made for Your Royal Highness, before those which I finally sent; and I only cut it out because of the difficulty in getting it into the space of time before Christmas.

(3) Udaipur is well worthy of a visit, and both Your Royal Highnesses will always remember its beauty.

(4) I am rather surprised that Your Royal Highness should wish to visit Jammu. It is a most uninteresting place: and the Maharaja is not a very interesting person. However, I remember that His Majesty the present King visited Jammu: and I had also included this in one of my hypothetical

programmes, only to cut it out subsequently, in order to provide more time for Delhi and Agra. I think that the visit can be satisfactorily arranged; but I would ask permission to defer a final opinion on this point until a little later.

(5) I have consulted Lord Kitchener about the Military camp. He tells me that it will be entirely convenient that this should be in the neighbourhood of Delhi, probably within 10—20 miles. He thinks that if Your Royal Highness devotes four clear days to the manœuvres, exclusive of days of arrival and departure, this will be sufficient. This may, perhaps, give a little more time for Agra, which in the scheme submitted appears to be somewhat scamped. Two days for all the sights of Agra, which is the most beautiful place in Asia, are rather small measure.

(6) I will advise more fully about Bhurtpore later on. The second morning's shoot is only a reduplication on a very small scale of the shoot of the day before, in which perhaps 200 or 300 additional birds are killed or picked up. There is no new ground. The shoot at Bhurtpore is not one that can be organised for a few guns. If good sport is to be obtained, there require to be at least 30 guns strewn all about the country to prevent the birds from settling.

(7) Immediately upon receiving Your Royal Highness's letter, I sent for the authorities of the Calcutta Turf Club to see if the Viceroy's Cup could be deferred until December 30th. The Stewards have been anxiously considering how they could possibly meet the wishes of Your Royal Highness. But it appears that it cannot be done: the reason is this. The entire race season of India is regulated by the date of the Viceroy's Cup, which is a race on level terms, followed on all other days by handicaps, in which practically the same horses compete, their weights being determined by the result of the Viceroy's Cup. A postponement of the latter for a week therefore throws out the racing fixtures of the entire season. Moreover, the arrangements and dates have to be published in the present month, and are on the verge of being issued now. The Stewards desire to express their profound regret that they have not been able to arrange for the postponement. If Your Royal Highness, however, is graciously pleased to carry out your generous intention to present a special cup, to be called by your name, they think that the meeting of December 30th, when it would be run for, and when they would gladly fix a number of other big races with large prizes will equal in importance and attendance the Viceroy's Cup day. I may mention that the sum which the Viceroy spends every year on the Cup is £100.

(8) At Calcutta and elsewhere there are certain to be illuminations of the Native city, which Your Royal Highnesses will be asked to see probably by a State drive through the streets after dinner.

(9) At Calcutta it will also, I think, be necessary to ask Your Royal Highness to dine on one night with the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, who would be very sore if he were not thus honoured.

(10) I am very grateful to Your Royal Highness for the generous and public-spirited consideration which you have been willing to show to my request that you would visit Burma. I feel certain that you will not regret the experience. If there is the least difficulty about your ship getting up the river or making the voyage in time, we will place at Your Royal Highness's disposal the finest vessel of the Indian Marine, which will probably be both speedier and more comfortable.

(11) The duck shooting near the Irrawaddy was rather a fraud when I went there. We will see what can be done. But except in certain parts neither the duck nor the snipe shooting is what it was in India; and whereas when I came out 6 years ago, I used to hear of two guns killing 100 couple of snipe in the day near Calcutta, bags of 20 or 30 couple are now the more ordinary thing. We will, however, take every pains to have the best grounds watched and preserved in advance.

(12) The Benares shoot is perhaps open to question. The distance of the jungles is at least 30 miles from Benares, and it is almost impossible that the drives to and fro, as well as the shoot, could be accomplished in a single day. The shooting is not very grand: only a few sambhar and bears and cheetul (spotted deer). I will advise about this later on.

(13) I will also ask leave to discuss later whether Her Royal Highness the Princess will be best advised in proceeding to Dehra while Your Royal Highness is in Nepal. Dehra is a very small dull place without a single thing to see or to do, and only a single road to drive up and down. There are only two small bungalows there available—belonging to the officers of my Body-Guard. These we will gladly place at the disposal of Her Royal Highness, or possibly, if the new bungalows of the Officers of the Imperial Cadet Corps are finished before then, they may be available. I think it may be worthy of consideration whether Her Royal Highness might not prefer to go to some other place, where she can be more comfortable and have a little more to see. She might care to return to Agra, or to Lucknow (at both of which there will be a great deal left unseen) or go elsewhere. This, however, can be left over, if necessary, until the very last moment.

(14) We all greatly appreciate the honour proposed by Your Royal Highness in suggesting a visit to Simla in March. This can be arranged. But the comfort of Your Royal Highnesses will depend greatly upon the weather. The present has been a very cold winter; and up till last week there were four feet of snow there. Even now the temperature is at 40 Fahr. At Simla the only house in which Your Royal Highness could reside with comfort in such conditions is Viceregal Lodge, which we will esteem it an honour to prepare for your reception. In spite of Your Royal Highness' gracious dispensation, I should of course regard it as a duty to be there to receive Your Royal Highnesses. Indeed I might otherwise miss the opportunity of paying my

respectful adieus to Your Royal Highness before you left India. The society at Simla is very small during the winter months. I do not suppose there would be more than 12 to 20 people who could be asked to dinner.

(15) I am rather afraid that serious offence would be given to the Phulkian Chiefs of the Punjab (*i. e.*, Patiala, Nabha, and Jind) if Your Royal Highness were to honour Bahawalpur with a visit and to omit them. I will consult the Lieutenant-Governor on this subject. The young Nawab of Bahawalpur is a charming fellow. But Bahawalpur itself is a fearfully uninteresting place, and it may perhaps be open to consideration whether it is entitled to the proposed honour.

(16) The idea of a visit to Quetta and Karachi is admirable and will give great satisfaction.

(17) March 18th, which is suggested in the programme for Inspection of Harbour Defences and for State Dinner and Reception at Karachi is a Sunday, so that some change may be required here.

(18) I will prepare lists of Ruling Chiefs, and will forward to Your Royal Highness a scheme of the places at which it is suggested that they should meet Your Royal Highness. Those who are honoured by a visit at their capitals will not be required to attend at the provincial capitals.

(19) The announcement of Your Royal Highness's wise decision about presents has been received with great satisfaction by the Press, both European and Native. Confidential instructions will be issued to Political Officers to ensure that Your Royal Highness's wishes are strictly respected.

(20) I have informed General Stuart Beatson of the honour which Your Royal Highness has conferred upon him in selecting him as joint manager of your tour. I will very shortly forward a scheme of the division of work between him and Lawrence for approval. General Beatson is unable to start for England at once, as there is a good deal to be done in handing over command of the Imperial Service Troops. But he hopes to be able to start from Bombay on April 8th; and in that case will be at Your Royal Highness's command from Easter Sunday onwards. He should return to India by the mail of May 26th, from Marseilles, as there will be a great deal for him to do here.

(21) I am writing to Lawrence about staff and attendants. There are a good many important points to be settled in this connection.

May I congratulate myself upon the honour conferred upon me by Your Royal Highness undertaking to be my successor at the Cinque Ports?

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highness's faithful and obedient servant,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 14.

TO H. E. THE EARL OF DUDLEY, Phoenix Park, Dublin, Ireland.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 9th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR DUDLEY,

I shall in the course of the ensuing winter be confronted with a difficulty which you have successfully surmounted on more than one occasion, and on which I shall be very grateful for your confidential advice.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are coming out; and innumerable questions of etiquette will arise. The Viceroy of course remains the sole representative of the Sovereign; and we have to adjust the two positions. Will you tell me how you solved this problem in Dublin?

(1) Upon arrival do you drive with the Prince, and the Princess with Lady Dudley? Or do you send the Prince and Princess in a carriage together? In that case where do you go, before, behind, or independently? Is the same practice or order adopted when you attend the Races or other functions in State?

(2) At a Parade of Troops do you take the Salute, or does the Prince? In either case where do you ride, in relation to him, and he to you?

(3) Do you hold the Levée, or he? In either case where and how do you both stand? Do both of you bow?

(4) The Princess talks of holding a Drawing Room here. But in India it is the Viceroy who always holds the Drawing Room; and his wife stands on his left side. What do you do at Dublin when the Prince and Princess are there? Who does the bowing?

(5) When the ladies leave the room after dinner do you walk round and join the Prince at the table?

(6) In driving in Dublin does the Viceroy always sit on the right hand side of the carriage (he does here). Do you surrender the position to (a) the Prince or (b) the Princess? Here in India the Viceroy always enters the carriage first. Would you enter after either of Their Royal Highnesses?

(7) At the State Ball do you march in first with the Princess on your arm, and then the Prince with Lady Dudley?

(8) Are there any little idiosyncrasies of our Royal visitors that you could name to me or hints that you might be willing to offer?

I shall be very grateful if you can favour me with an early reply, as I shall probably have to correspond about some of these points with the King. I am not in the least anxious to assert myself or my position. But in India these matters are carefully watched and have to be scrupulously safeguarded.

I wish I could have seen you while at home to congratulate you upon your brilliant reign in Ireland, not, I hope, about to terminate.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 15.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 9th March 1905, 3 p. m.

Private. After some discussion and a division in which seven Commissioners opposed the proposal, the Calcutta Corporation have voted a sum of Rs. 20,000 for an address and present to the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is, I believe, intended to devote the greater part of this sum to a gift of jewellery or otherwise to the Princess. Some discussion has taken place as to whether this is permitted by the terms of the announcement about ceremonial presents recently issued upon your authority. I presume that it is. As, however, the action of the Calcutta Corporation will probably give rise to similar proposals and discussions elsewhere, I shall be glad to receive definite instructions on the subject.

No. 16.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 9th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I have written a long letter to the Prince of Wales of which he will doubtless send you a copy.

I have not been asked to recommend a Policeman yet: I have only been asked my opinion about Perry as Doctor.

I should rather like definite instructions about the posts for which I ought to provide or recommend candidates. I conclude they will be the following:—

Doctor.

Policeman.

Three English A.-D.-C.'s from India—

- (a) to represent the Foreign Department during the visits and interviews—probably some good Political Resident;
- (b) a Colonel or Major, smart and distinguished;
- (c) Wigram. The latter sails next week for England and will be there on leave until November. I think he would be an admirable selection.

Indian A.-D.-C.'s—*Vide* later on.

Baggage Master.—I am afraid that we cannot let Amir Buksh go. He is aging rapidly : and I fear that the five months' wear and tear and responsibility would kill him. We will select some highly competent English-speaking Native Officer, with two Non-Commissioned Officers under him.

Treasurer.—We will give you a good Treasurer, but cannot of course spare our own.

Private Secretary to Chief of Staff.—I suggest that you should bring out some good man from home, able to write short-hand. As you know, a good short-hand writer cannot be procured in this country.

Native Clerks.—You will probably want two and Beatson two. Probably one in each class should be a good type-writer.

I hope to send out next week a draft of suggested division of labour between yourself and Beatson. He will probably sail for England on April 8th, and have four weeks there. When he goes round to arrange the Prince's visits in Native States I am going to employ him to select the objects that the Chiefs are about to give or lend to the Victoria Memorial Exhibition. He has taste and will do this admirably.

I have asked Baring to let you know the scale of our money presents.

It will be quite right that Sir Partab should be head of his Indian Staff. Will the Prince want some other Indian Officers too? Probably. When do you think that he would like to be escorted by the Imperial Cadets? Shall we have them down at Calcutta or reserve them for Delhi? There will not be more than 15 unless we get some of the retired Cadets to join, which they would doubtless think it a high honour to do.

I will have the proofs of Gazetteer articles sent to you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 17.

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TO COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR BIGGE,

I have received the enclosed letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University (of which I am Chancellor). Will you tell me what reply the Prince would desire to have sent?

It would of course give great pleasure to all of us if His Royal Highness were willing so far to honour the University. But it must be faced that similar requests would probably be forthcoming from the Universities of Bombay and Madras. It would be possible of course to draw a distinction between the Calcutta University as the largest and most important (I wish I could also say the best) of the three, and as situated at the Imperial capital. It would also be a high compliment to the new constitution of the University, originated by our Act of last year. From this point of view the visit would probably be of the greatest importance.

With these words I submit the case for the orders of His Royal Highness, venturing myself, on the whole, to recommend the request strongly to the favourable consideration of the Prince. His Royal Highness will also have more time here than at Bombay or Madras.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from A. Pedler, Esq., C. I. E., Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, dated 16th March 1905.

No. 18.

To H. H. SIR C. M. RIVAZ, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR CHARLES,

Among a number of names that have been suggested to me as a possible Surgeon to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales through their Indian tour is that of Colonel F. Perry. I do not know him personally. I am told that he is an excellent doctor and a thorough gentleman : but that he has no presence, may not be able to stand the strain of a five months' tour, and will not add distinction to the party. Can you advise me in the strictest confidence on the matter? Perry will never know that I have consulted you. Would you wish me to see him when I come up to Delhi or Simla?

I am sorry that we shall not meet at Delhi, but I quite understand.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

P. S.—I am glad you have got your holiday all right.

No. 19.

To H. H. SIR ANDREW FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 19th, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

The Viceroy will let you know as soon as possible the decision of His Majesty about the proposal of the Calcutta Corporation to make a present to the Prince and Princess of Wales. At present he is awaiting a reply to his telegram on the subject; the reply will, no doubt, be received very shortly.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 20.

To H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR AMPHILL,

The Prince of Wales has sent out to me a draft programme of what he thinks of doing in India. In this programme he contemplates coming to Madras in January next from Burma, and the suggested details are the following:—

1906.

Jan. 24th ... Madras (Wednesday)	... Public arrival. Rest. Municipal Address. Drive in evening. Small Dinner.
„ 25th .. „ (Thursday)	... Receive Native Chiefs. In afternoon drive to Guindy. State Banquet and Levée.
„ 26th ... „ (Friday)	... Return visits of Native Chiefs. In afternoon interviews with leading persons recommended by Governor. Private Dinner and Drawing-room.
„ 27th ... „ (Saturday)	... Rest. Garden Party. Small Dinner.

Jan. 28th	...	Madras	... Church.	
	(Sunday)			
" 29th	...	Trichinopoly	... Public arrival	} This might be omitted, and the two days given to Mysore.
	(Monday)		Municipal Address	
			Private Dinner	
			Illuminations	
" 30th	...	"	... Visit Temple	
	(Tuesday)		Garden Party	
			Private Dinner and depart on way to Bangalore.	

Will you advise me as to whether you approve of the suggested arrangements? I had myself, in my original skeleton tour, sent to His Royal Highness, provided for a visit to Tanjore as well as Trichinopoly. But this was cut out by His Royal Highness who does not care for too much sight-seeing; and as you will see even Trichinopoly is treated as doubtful, the Prince being keen to get away to the Mysore jungles. While he is at Madras His Royal Highness will exchange visits with those of the Native Chiefs who are entitled to the honour (the principles regulating the matter being the same as those in the case of the Viceroy). These are, in the case of Madras, Travancore and Cochin alone. You will doubtless summon them for the great occasion.

At Madras in 1875 the present King also received visits from the Prince of Arcot and the Raja of Vizianagram, and he returned the former, which I think must have been a mistake.

Will you favour me with your opinion as to the above suggestions? The programme is to be treated as strictly confidential at present.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 21.

To H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR LORD LAMINGTON,

Enclosed—to be treated as strictly confidential—is the sketch programme sent out from England by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for such parts of his tour as His Royal Highness proposes to spend in the Bombay Presidency. I send it to you for your advice, after consultation with your officers on the subject.

(1) 1905.

Nov. 9th ... Arrive at Bombay in the evening.
(Thursday)

Nov. 10th (Friday)	... Bombay	... Reply to Address of welcome on landing at Pier. Drive in State to Government House. Breakfast. After lunch receive visits from Chiefs of Baroda, Kolhapur, Gondal, and Morvi. Drive in evening. State Banquet and Levée..
„ 11th (Saturday) (Mail leaves Bombay)	... „	... After breakfast return visits of Chiefs of Baroda, Kolhapur, Gondal, and Morvi. In afternoon receive persons recommended by the Governor. Drive, winding up at the Yacht Club. Dinner followed by a Drawing-room, which will be held by Her Royal Highness.
Nov. 12th (Sunday)	... „	... Church. Go by Steam Launch in afternoon to Elephanta Caves. In morning visit Dockyard.
„ 13th (Monday)	... „	... Receive Native Chiefs, who may be present in Bombay between breakfast and lunch. After lunch, brief interviews with persons whom His Royal Highness may wish to see, or persons especially recommended by the Governor. In the evening, drive through the Bazaars to Mahim. Small Dinner followed by a Reception.
Nov. 14th (Tuesday)	... Bombay	... Return visits, when necessary, of Chiefs who visited His Royal Highness on the 13th. Private Dinner, and private departure after Dinner.
„ 15th (Wednesday)	... Train	... Shoot Quail near Kaira, while train runs on to Ahmedabad to tranship baggage to metre gauge. <i>En route to Ajmer.</i>
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(2) 1906.		
March 16th (Friday) Leave Quetta.
„ 17th (Saturday)	... Karachi	... Public arrival, Municipal Address. Rest. Private Dinner.
„ 18th (Sunday)	...	... Inspect Harbour Defences. State Dinner and Reception.
„ 19th (Monday)	...	... Leave Karachi by steamer for Europe.

It is obvious that the sketch is not free from mistakes. For instance, arrangements are proposed on a Sunday at Karachi, which will be impossible on that day.

At Bombay His Royal Highness desires to see the principal Bombay Chiefs who will enjoy no other opportunity of meeting him. With regard to them I make the following remarks:—

(1) All Ruling Chiefs are entitled to visit the Viceroy, and therefore it may be presumed the Heir to the Throne.

(2) The following Bombay Ruling Chiefs are entitled to a return visit from the Viceroy, and therefore presumably to one from the Prince of Wales.

1. Kolhapur.	9. Nawanagar.
2. Cutch.	10. Palanpur.
3. Idar.	11. Radhanpur.
4. Khairpur.	12. Rajpipla.
5. Bhaunagar.	13. Porbandar.
6. Cambay.	14. Gondal.
7. Drangadhra.	15. Morvi.
8. Junagadh.	

Of these it will be observed that only (1), (14), and (15) are mentioned in the Prince's sketch. It would seem to be impossible to exclude the remainder, though the number of visits at Bombay may be slightly reduced by

(a) Idar, who will probably be placed on His Royal Highness's personal staff;

(b) Khairpur, who might attend at Karachi.

The right of Porbandar, Gondal, and Morvi to return visits was settled by me, after careful investigation, at Rajkot in 1900.

(3) If the right of all these Chiefs to visits and return visits were not decided by the analogy of the Viceroy, it would appear to have been determined by the precedent of the present King himself in 1875, when he exchanged visits with the whole of the above list except (6) who was for some reason absent, and (13), (14) and (15) who had not then been admitted to the list.

(4) You will doubtless consider how, within the very limited space of time allotted, the whole of these visits can be received and returned. As I told you, in 1875 the return visits were paid (except in the case of very important Chiefs, who had houses of their own) in the Secretariat, where each Chief had a room assigned to him, so that the Prince of Wales popped out of one into the other. This was perhaps convenient: but I believe that at the time it caused some offence. Something like it, however, would seem to be essential.

While at Bombay in 1875 the present King received private visits also (though he did not return them) from a number of your smaller Chiefs and Sirdars. These included Baria, Lunawara, Balasinore, Chota Udaipur, Sunth, Sawantwadi, Dharampur, Janjira, Wankaner, Palitana, Dhrol, Limri, Rajkot, Wadhwan, 6 Sirdars of Satara, the Deccan, and Konkan (including

Aundh, Bhor, Phultan), and 8 South Mahratta Sirdars (including 2 Miraj Chiefs, Mudhol, Sangli, Jamkhandi, and Ramdrug).

It seems to me that visits from these petty Chiefs and Nobles will, on the present occasion, be quite out of the question, and that an opportunity must be found of presenting them to His Royal Highness at some public party or ceremonial. However, you will doubtless consider this with due regard to the time limitation imposed by His Royal Highness.

I will communicate with you at a later date about the Levée and Drawing room, concerning which the ideas of Their Royal Highnesses are at present not quite clear.

You will be in a position to pronounce about the quail shoot.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 22.

To H. H. SIR JAMES LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR SIR JAMES LATOUCHE,

The following are the arrangements which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has proposed for that part of his projected tour which will be spent in your Province :—

(1) 1905.

Dec. 18th (Monday)	... Agra	... Arrive at Agra from Delhi in morning. Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest during day. Visit the Taj in the evening.
„ 19th (Tuesday)	... „	... Visit the Palace in the morning. State Dinner in evening followed by a Reception.
„ 20th (Wednesday)	... „	... Leave for Bhurtpore and Gwalior.

(2) 1905.

Dec. 26th (Tuesday)	... Lucknow	... Arrive at Lucknow in morning from Gwalior. Public arrival and Municipal Address. Visit Residency in the afternoon. Small Dinner. Illuminations.
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Dec. 27th (Wednesday)	... Lucknow	... Receive visits from Talukdars of Oudh. Garden Party in afternoon. State Dinner and Reception.
„ 28th (Thursday)	... „	... Drive with General of Division through Cantonments. Leave for Calcutta.

(3) 1906.

Feb. 18th (Sunday)	... Benares	... Arrive at Benares from Hyderabad. Private arrival. Rest. Church in evening. Private Dinner.
Feb. 19th (Monday)	... Benares	... In morning see river Ghats from boat. After breakfast receive the Maharaja and Municipal Address. In afternoon return Maharaja's visit at his Palace. Private Dinner.
„ 20th (Tuesday)	... „	... Shoot in Maharaja's preserves.
„ 21st (Wednesday)	... „	... Public departure for Nepal.

(4) 1906.

March 3rd (Saturday)	... Cawnpore	... On return from Nepal Shooting Camp arrive Cawnpore. Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest. Drive in the evening to Massacre Ghat.
„ 4th (Sunday)	... „	... Church. Visit Mutiny Memorial.
„ 5th (Monday)	... „	... Leave in morning for Simla.

First I will comment upon the arrangements themselves, which are quite tentative and open to correction. It seems to me that His Royal Highness is giving much too short a time to Agra, whether he wishes to see the buildings or to have time to exchange visits with those of the Rajputana and Central India Chiefs who will probably come there to pay their respects. I shall therefore try to arrange for another day or two there. In either case the short duration of the visit will, I think, render unnecessary the idea of a big Viceregal Camp which I had before contemplated. It would not be

desirable to waste 2—3 lakhs on 2—3 days. I think, therefore, that Their Royal Highnesses would probably go into the Circuit House, and that a small camp might be pitched round it for the rest of the party.

I do not see how the Prince could drive out from Benares, have his shoot at Chakia or elsewhere, and return—all in a single day. I should have thought it doubtful whether it was worth while to go out for one day's shooting at Benares. What do you say? Ought it not to be either two days there, or else another day added on to Nepal?

Where would the Prince and Princess stay at Cawnpore?

It is the desire of the Prince to exchange visits with the Chiefs at the various provincial centres. The only one entitled to a Return Visit in the United Provinces is Rampur. He would, no doubt, be brought in to Lucknow. But then there are Tehri and the Talukdars who have also to be remembered. You will see that the Prince has not provided for a State Entertainment by the Talukdars at Lucknow which no doubt they will desire to give: unless it is included under the head Illuminations on the night of December 26th.

I shall be glad if you will think over the programme (which is to be kept confidential for the present, though of course you may consult your officers about it) and let me know when we meet what you think about it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 23.

To H. H. SIR CHARLES RIVAZ, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR SIR CHARLES RIVAZ,

Before you go home I should like to receive your opinion as to the suggested plans for the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In the sketch programme which he has sent out to me, the following are the arrangements proposed for the Punjab:—

(1) 1905.

Nov. 28th
(Tuesday)

... Lahore

... Arrive Lahore from Bikanir. Public arrival and Municipal Address.

Rest.

State Dinner in the evening followed by a Reception.

Nov. 29th (Wednesday)	... Lahore	... Receive Punjab Chiefs. Lunch. Small Dinner, and drive afterwards to Shalimar. Illuminations.
„ 30th (Thursday)	... „	... Return visits of Chiefs. Drive to Mianmir in afternoon, Head-quarters of Army Division.
Dec. 1st (Friday)	... „	... Visit Fort in the morning. Garden Party in afternoon. Small Dinner. Leave for Peshawar.

(2) Dec. 8th (Friday)	... Delhi	... On return from Peshawar halt at Amritsar (2 hours), reach Delhi 6 P. M. Public arrival.
„ 9th (Saturday)	... „	... Receive Municipal Address. In afternoon drive to Kutb.
„ 10th (Sunday)	... „	... Church. In evening drive to City.
„ 11th (Monday)	... „	... Visit Palace. Dinner followed by Reception.
Dec. 12th (Tuesday)	... Lord Kitchener's Camp.	Leave Delhi in the morning. Public departure for Lord Kitchener's Camp near Delhi.

(3)	1906.	
Mar. 6th—9th (Tuesday—Friday)	... Simla.	
„ 10th (Saturday)	... Bahawalpur.	... Public arrival. Receive visit of Nawab. Return Visit. State Banquet.
„ 11th (Sunday)	... ..	Church. Leave in afternoon for Quetta.

Upon the above proposals I have to make the following remarks. The visits and return visits between His Royal Highness and the Chiefs will presumably be regulated by the same procedure as in the case of the Viceroy. All Ruling Chiefs are entitled to visit the latter. The Punjab Chiefs who are entitled to a return visit are—

Patiala.	Faridkot.
Bahawalpur.	Kapurthala.
Jind.	Mandi.
Nabha.	Sirmur.

All these visits, with the possible exception of Bahawalpur (should he receive a visit in his State), should take place at Lahore or Delhi. But when the present King was in India in 1875 he also received, though he did not of course return, the visits of, Maler Kotla, Chamba, Suket, Kalsia, Pataudi, Loharu, Dujana.

In the short visits of the Prince at Lahore and Delhi, how many of these visits do you think can be provided for, and would you prefer concentration at Lahore or division between the two places?

Further, is it wise that His Royal Highness should select Bahawalpur alone for the honour of a personal visit? The suggestion was not mine, and I think must have been made at the instance of Lawrence. I am disposed to think that it would be a mistake. There is nothing whatever to see or do at Bahawalpur, and the compliment might be too much for the young Nawab. Moreover, would it not cause great irritation to the Phulkian Chiefs if the Prince thus honoured Bahawalpur over their heads? I am quite prepared to recommend the omission of Bahawalpur, but should like your advice.

The Prince's visit at Delhi, as at present contemplated, seems likely to be so short that it would seem to be unnecessary to have a big camp. Would you propose to accommodate Their Royal Highnesses in the Circuit House, and to have a small camp below on the site of the main street of my camp in January 1903? Or what other arrangements would you suggest?

The entire programme is confidential and is not intended to transpire. But there is nothing to prevent you from consulting in confidence any of your leading officers.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 24.

To THE HON'BLE SIR A. H. T. MARTINDALE, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR SIR ARTHUR MARTINDALE,

The Viceroy desires me to send you confidentially a copy of such part of the sketch tour sent out by the Prince of

Wales from England as His Royal Highness contemplates spending in Rajputana—

(1) 1905. Nov. 16th ... Ajmer (Thursday)	... Arrive Ajmer (from Ahmedabad). Public arrival and Municipal Address. Stay at Residency. Rest during day. See Buildings on Lake in the evening. Dinner, at which Political Officers of Rajputana will be present.
,, 17th ... ,, (Friday)	... Receive Chiefs of Rajputana in the Hall of Mayo College. Lunch at College and return visits in afternoon at the various State Houses in College grounds. Private Dinner followed by a Reception. Leave at midnight for Udaipur.
,, 18th ... Udaipur (Saturday)	... Arrive Udaipur and Public Reception. Receive H. H. the Maharana in evening.
Nov. 19th ... ,, (Sunday)	... Church, and rest during day. Boat on Lake in evening.
,, 20th ... ,, (Monday)	... In morning return visit of H. H. the Maharana. In afternoon drive, or boat on Lake. Banquet in the Palace, and leave Udaipur afterwards.
,, 21st ... Jaipur (Tuesday)	... Arrive Jaipur and Public Reception. Receive the Maharaja before lunch. Return his visit in afternoon.
,, 22nd ... ,, (Wednesday)	... Shoot. Private Dinner.
Nov. 23rd ... Jaipur (Thursday)	... Shoot. Banquet in Palace.
,, 24th ... ,, (Friday)	... Visit Amber, or shoot. Private Dinner. Leave after Dinner for Bikanir.
,, 25th ... Bikanir (Saturday)	... Public arrival. Receive Maharaja and return his visit. Banquet in the Palace.
Nov. 26th ... ,, (Sunday)	... In evening drive out to the shooting ground.
,, 27th ... ,, (Monday)	... Shoot. In afternoon train to Lahore.

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| (2) Dec. 20th | ... | Bhurtpore | ... | Shoot at Bhurtpore (from Agra). |
| | (Wednesday) | | | Private Dinner. |
| „ 21st | ... | „ | ... | Shoot in morning, and leave in afternoon for |
| | (Thursday) | | | Gwalior. |

Though you will unfortunately not be here at the time yourself, the Viceroy thinks it important to procure your preliminary views before you start on leave.

It is presumed that the exchange of visits with Ruling Chiefs will be regulated by the same principles as those adopted in the case of the Viceroy. Under these rules, all Ruling Chiefs are entitled to visit the Viceroy, and the following Ruling Chiefs in Rajputana are entitled to the honour of a return visit as well :—

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| 1. Udaipur. | 10. Ulwar. |
| 2. Bhurtpore. | 11. Banswara. |
| 3. Bikanir. | 12. Dholpur. |
| 4. Bundi. | 13. Dungarpur. |
| 5. Jaipur. | 14. Jaisalmer. |
| 6. Karauli. | 15. Jhalawar. |
| 7. Kota. | 16. Kishengarh. |
| 8. Jodhpur. | 17. Pertabgarh. |
| 9. Tonk. | 18. Sirohi. |

Of the above Chiefs, His Royal Highness proposes to visit separately Udaipur, Bhurtpore, Bikanir, and Jaipur ; so that these will not require to be at Ajmer.

Do you think it desirable that the whole of the remainder should be summoned to Ajmer, or would it be better to have a few of them at Agra later on ? The Ajmer alternative would be preferable, if possible. Can the arrangements for visits and return visits be satisfactorily carried out at Ajmer ? His Royal Highness does not of course wish to put the Chiefs to undue expense in respect of camps, &c.

You will note the proposed dinner for the Political Officers of Rajputana. I think this must be an idea of Lawrence.

The tour is still in an embryonic stage, and you are at liberty to offer any remarks or suggestions upon it. The matter must at present be treated in confidence, though it may be necessary for you to consult some of your officers.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 25.

To HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, c.s i., Agent to the Govr-Genl. and
Chief Commissioner, N. W. F. Province.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR COLONEL DEANE,

In the sketch programme of his projected tour which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has sent out to the Viceroy, it is contemplated that the following days should be spent in your province :—

1905.			
Dec. 2nd	...	Peshawar	... Public arrival and Municipal Address.
(Saturday)			Rest.
			In afternoon drive with the General of Division through Cantonment.
" 3rd	...	"	... Church.
(Sunday)			Private Dinner.
" 4th	...	"	... Go to Landi Kotal, returning in evening.
(Monday)			Private Dinner.
" 5th	...	"	... Visit City.
(Tuesday)			Receive Visitors.
			Garden Party at Residency.
			State Dinner.
" 6th	...	"	... If snipe shooting can be arranged, shoot in morning.
(Wednesday)			Leave by train in the evening.

This programme is only suggested, not fixed. I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to ask you whether the arrangements proposed can be carried out or whether you have any observations that you would like to offer.

The programme is to be kept confidential for the present.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 26.

To THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 20th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR DALY,

The Viceroy is working out the projected tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the latter has sent out a draft programme for discussion.

It includes a visit to only one Central India Chief, Scindia.

1905.			
Dec. 21st	... Gwalior	...	Leave Bhurtpore for Gwalior in afternoon.
(Thursday)			Public arrival.
			Receive and return visit of Maharaja.
			In evening drive to Shooting Camp.
" 22nd	... "	...	Shoot.
(Friday)			
" 23rd	... "	...	Shoot.
(Saturday)			State Banquet at Palace.
" 24th	... "	...	Rest.
(Sunday)			
" 25th	... "	...	Rest.
(Monday—Christmas Day)			Visit old Fort.
			Leave in evening for Lucknow.

The Viceroy is rather doubtful whether the Prince will be able to put in so long a time at Gwalior, and he thinks that a day may have to be knocked off at the beginning. As regards the remainder of the Chiefs, His Royal Highness will probably wish to exchange visits with those of the Central India Chiefs who are entitled to the honour (the same principles being observed as in the case of the Viceroy). They are the following :—

Bhopal.	Ajaigarh.
Indore.	Baoni.
Rewa.	Bijawar.
Datia.	Charkari.
2 Dewas.	Chatarpur.
Dhar.	Panna.
Orcha.	Rutlam.
Jaora.	Samthar.

There are, it seems, only three places in the Prince's tour where these visits or such of them as cannot be avoided might take place, *viz.*—

Agra	...	...	December 18th—19th.
Lucknow	...	...	December 26th—28th.
Calcutta	...	...	December 29th—January 6th.

Very little time, however, if any, will be available at Agra, even if the Viceroy persuades the Prince to spend a day or two more there; and it is possible that some of the Rajputana Chiefs may have to be there also.

Lucknow also is not very suitable: since there will already be there Rampur, Tehri, and the Talukdars. Calcutta is possible. But the Viceroy does not quite like the idea of a great rush of rather obscure Chieftlets from Central India to this side of India. He therefore desires me to consult you confidentially on the matter, and to ask your advice both as to cutting down the list as much as possible, and then as to arranging the places of meeting. When the present King came to India, he exchanged visits with Holkar, Scindia, Bhopal, Rewa, and Panna at Calcutta, and with Orcha, Datia, and Charkari at Agra. But the remainder do not appear to have presented themselves anywhere.

The subject is of course confidential at present, but you can discuss it, if necessary, with any of your officers.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 27.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 21st March 1905, 8-45 p. m.

Private. Presents of Municipalities to Prince of Wales. I should be grateful for an early reply to my private telegram of the 9th instant. There was a renewed discussion in the Calcutta Corporation yesterday, which is to be deprecated: and the Lieutenant-Governor, whose sanction to such grants is required under the law, desires to know whether he should give it. Public criticism, where unfavourable, takes the form that it would be better to vote the ratepayers' money to public ceremonies and rejoicings than to personal gifts.

No. 28.

Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to the Secretary of State, dated the 23rd March 1905.

General Beatson, who is to assist Lawrence in conducting the tour of the Prince of Wales in India, will leave Bombay on April the 8th and be in England for five or six weeks in consultation with His Royal Highness and of course, should you require it, with yourself.

No. 29.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. C. S. BAYLEY, C. S. I., Resident at Hyderabad.

Govt. House, Calcutta. March 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR BAYLEY,

In the rough sketch of his tour which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has sent out from home, it is contemplated that he should visit Hyderabad, if the Nizam should be willing to entertain him, and the following dates and arrangements have been proposed.—

1906.			
Feb. 8th	...	Hyderabad	... Public arrival.
(Thursday)			Receive the Nizam.
			In afternoon return the visit of Nizam.
			Private Dinner.
„ 9th	...	...	... In the morning drive to Secunderabad, and
(Friday)			inspect Cantonment with the General of
			Division.
			Lunch and start for Shooting Camp.
„ 10th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Saturday)			
„ 11th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Sunday)			
„ 12th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Monday)			

Feb. 13th	...	Hyderabad	...	Shooting Camp.
(Tuesday)				
„ 14th	..	...	...	Shooting Camp.
(Wednesday)				
„ 15th	...	...	...	Return to Hyderabad.
(Thursday)				Rest.
				State Banquet.
„ 16th	...	Aurungabad	...	Visit Caves of Ellora.
(Friday)				Private Dinner and depart.

It will be seen that these dates, which are approximately fixed, will render it impossible for Their Royal Highnesses to be in Hyderabad at the time of the Langar Procession. Though the details of the tour are for the present to be kept confidential, there is no objection to your discussing the arrangements with His Highness or the Minister.

The Viceroy quite agrees that the Faluknuma Palace would be a very suitable place for the entertainment of Their Royal Highnesses should the Nizam desire to be their personal host.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 30.

To LIEUT.-COLONEL C. W. RAVENSHAW, Resident in Nepal.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR RAVENSHAW,

The Viceroy has heard from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales about his projected tour to India, and knows that His Royal Highness is looking forward greatly to accepting the invitation which you have expressed the desire of the Prime Minister to forward to him. His Royal Highness would propose to enter Nepal territory (probably from Benares) on or about February 21st, 1906, and will be prepared to stay in camp until March 2nd. The locality in the Terai that you name seems very favourable for the purpose; the dates suggested agree with those that you have mentioned: and the Prime Minister may proceed on the hypothesis that His Royal Highness will come at that time if all goes well.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will not accompany His Royal Highness into camp, and the party will in any case be a much smaller one than that which accompanied the present King in 1876.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 31.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 23rd March 1905, 4-15 p. m.

Private. Addresses to Prince of Wales. Your private telegram of 22nd instant. I think it best to leave the matter alone, in view of what you say.

No. 32.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 23rd, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

In continuation of my letter dated the 19th March, I am desired by the Viceroy to say that there is no objection to your giving sanction to the proposal of the Calcutta Corporation to make a present to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 33.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 23rd, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

Some time ago Bigge asked me to submit a sort of sketch of the duties to be performed by Beatson and yourself.

I understand that you are to be called Head of the Staff. I can suggest no better title for Beatson than Military Secretary (nor can he).

I have drawn up the enclosed draft which he has seen and which you can submit for approval.

Perhaps Beatson and you in confabulation may be able to improve upon it.

I have circulated the sections of the outline tour relating to them confidentially to all the Heads of Administrations with a request for their views, and these will be communicated to you in due course.

It has occurred to me that it will be a good thing to send you a printed file (kept in our way) and to supply you weekly with the copies of all the letters at both ends. It will be invaluable to you for reference. But of course it will be only for your own use: and none of my letters must be shown or quoted to any body else.

Last week I forwarded to Bigge a letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University asking if His Royal Highness would receive an honorary Degree while here; I foretold that the other Universities would do the same. Sure enough Lamington has just written to me on behalf of Bombay. Madras will follow suit, and probably Lahore will not wish to be left out.

Perhaps you will consult Bigge as to the replies to be sent.

Please tell me also whether on such matters I should correspond with Bigge or with you.

Are you going to bring any Pressmen from England, and shall we have to provide for them in the trains? You know the jealousy; and shall you bring a photographer or leave us to divide up the tour between Deen Dayal, Herzog & Higgins, Weile & Klein, Bourne & Shepherd, Johnston & Hoffman, &c.?

I am to see Colonel Perry at Delhi in a fortnight in order to look him over.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

P. S.—Your appointment has been excellently received in the Indian Press.

Draft Sketch of duties of Head of the Staff and Military Secretary.

I.—The Head of the Staff (Sir Walter Lawrence) will be responsible for the following :—

- (1) Visits and return visits of Chiefs (assisted by an officer of the Political department).
- (2) All other visits and interviews.
- (3) Speeches and addresses.
- (4) Indian correspondence.
- (5) Press and telegraphic arrangements.
- (6) Police arrangements (assisted by a specially selected Police Officer).
- (7) Accounts and Expenditure.

(8) General orders to the Staff (no doubt executive orders to A.-D.-C.'s will require to be issued by the Military Secretary).

II.—The Military Secretary (General Stuart Beatson) will be responsible for the following :—

- (1) Trains and journeys.
- (2) Horses and carriages.
- (3) Military arrangements (escorts, guards, salutes, bands, parades).
- (4) Camps.
- (5) Shootings.
- (6) Catering and supplies.
- (7) Native servants.

No. 34.

To THE HON'BLE MR. R. T. GREER, c. s. i., Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR GREER,

There does not appear to be any objection to the Calcutta Corporation spending upon a gift to the Princess of Wales whatever portion of the total sum voted by them they may desire. The sum devoted to the purchase of a casket should, in such a case, be small.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 35.

To THE HON'BLE MR. R. T. GREER, c. s. i., Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR GREER,

I had already answered the question in your letter in the affirmative.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 35a.

To THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HENDERSON, 2, Middleton Row.

March 31st, 1905.

DEAR MR. HENDERSON,

I have shown your letter on the subject of Their Royal Highnesses being entertained by the Members of the Bengal Club to the Viceroy, who will be very glad to forward it on to the proper authorities at home. This is all that can be done at present as no detailed programme of the Prince's visit to Calcutta has as yet been made out. I will let you know as soon as we know his wishes in the matter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. BARING.

No. 36.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay.

Telegram, 31st March 1905, 11-30 a. m.

Private. Royal visit. No objection to your consulting those whom you name. It will be my duty to receive Prince upon landing as Lord Northbrook did with present King; but owing to difficulty of accommodation, I would propose to leave same day or night.

No. 37.

To H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Viceroy's Camp, Agra, April 4th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR AMPHILL,

I think that you rather misconceived the nature of my letter about the Prince of Wales' visit to Madras. I am not responsible for a single one of the detailed suggestions made: they were sent out to me from home: and I conceive it quite possible to modify, expand, alter, or even abandon any of them. It was with this object that I invited your opinion on the skeleton draft of the Prince of Wales, as I have done that of every other head of an administration, trusting to you to make any definite proposals or suggestions that you thought fit.

Your letter does not quite help me in this respect for it leaves me in doubt as to what finally to propose about Madras, when I receive all the replies from all parts of India, and have to send back the Prince of Wales' sketch revised so as to meet as far as possible the local suggestions. It is entirely open to you therefore to propose any other redistribution of time, to suggest a Peoples Entertainment (most appropriate as I think), visits to any Institutions that you please, Gosha functions, halt at Tanjore, snipe-shoot or anything else. In fact you can propose a rearrangement of the days as you please with, if necessary, an addition to them (though I do not suppose there is much chance of this being accepted), and I will then send it home and leave the Prince to strike out what he pleases.

I know the Collector's house at Trichinopoly, having stayed in it. I do not think that the Prince will anywhere expect an expensive Camp to be pitched for him for one night only: nor do I think that it would be reasonable. Their Royal Highnesses could quite well occupy the house; and tents could be pitched around for the Staff, which will not be large.

I do not think therefore that "arrangements may be made for furnishing such a Camp in proper style regardless of expense at the cost of Government funds". The Government of India will of course repay the Local Governments for any special outlay incurred in entertaining Their Royal Highnesses : but I am afraid that we could not say "regardless of expense": or we shall be fearfully landed everywhere. I fancy the idea is not to give special grants to the Local Government : but to let each submit its estimate (where possible) or its bill. The Prince and Princess are not conducting their tour on anything like the scale of numbers of display that the King did.

I hope this explanation may be useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 38.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, Rampur, 7th April 1905, 4-35 p. m.

Private. Honours. May I ask for a reply to my private telegram of the 7th March, since I shall otherwise soon have to send home names for mid-summer honours? This would be a very small list, and it will be much better to postpone distribution until the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, unless addition to Orders is then made, which I understand is not favoured at Court, and which I do not recommend.

No. 39.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K.C.I.E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 13th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I have only just returned here, and hope very shortly to submit an amended sketch of the tour to His Royal Highness in the light of the replies received from the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, Agents to the Governor-General, &c. Some modifications will be required, certain of which I foreshadowed in an earlier letter.

The printed copies of letters which I may send to you, will, of course, be confidential and solely for your own guidance. They must not be shown to anyone.

It has been decided, wisely, I think, that there is to be no addition to the Indian Orders. The June Honours List, 1905, is to be held back, so that in this way we shall get a rather larger number for January 1906, though not large enough to justify a Chapter (in the absence of any addition to the Orders).

I will arrange about Sir Pertab, but when you speak in your letters of ideas that have occurred, *e. g.*, about the Native A.-D.-C.'s, am I expected to act upon them, or am I to wait for a more official representation on the subject?

Of course the Princess will receive *purdah* ladies, and that will be provided for everywhere.

In the Tour sent out from England you have entered State dinners in some places where there will be next to nobody to dine, and you have not provided for popular rejoicings and entertainments in some of the big capitals where they will be obligatory.

I have not yet asked Baker. But I cannot imagine that there will be the slightest difficulty about exempting the entire party from customs duties or examination.

Lady Curzon has had a talk with General Beatson about the Princess' jewels, and has suggested the use of safes, one for the train and one for houses. I think it would be safer to insure.

I will speak to Kitchener when he returns to Simla about the extra A.-D.-C.'s. But you do not contemplate taking 12 round with you everywhere, do you (*i. e.*, 8 from India and 4 equerries from home)? How are we to get them into the trains and houses? I am afraid it will be impossible to spare Cameron from the Cadet Corps. He and Watson will have to bring the Cadets down to Calcutta for the Prince's visit. There has been a good deal of change in the Cadet Corps lately. Watson has gone on leave: Cameron is acting for him. Capper was to have acted for Cameron, but has chucked in order to go to the Staff College. Dip Singh is going.

You shall have Wigram.

I see that you suggest dividing up the Staff and sending them in batches to the larger places: that will be the best plan.

We will try to arrange a Kheddah in Mysore.

When I send back the amended Tour I will send with it a list of the places where the Chiefs should meet His Royal Highness. There will have to be some change in the present plan.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 40.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

I have mentioned to the Viceroy the several matters discussed in your letters of 21st and 23rd March.

As regards the lists of Chiefs you will see from the copies of letters to Local Governments and Administrations which have already been sent to you how the matter stands at present. When the lists have been finally settled I will send a copy to you.

I understand from the illustrations you give that you only wish to have information about the wives of officers who will have the honour of being hosts to Their Royal Highnesses. It will no doubt be necessary to write to the officers themselves on this point, but it will be better to wait a short time until the details of the tour have been finally settled, when also we shall know more certainly who will be the officers present at the different places at the time of the tour.

The Viceroy alluded to the subject of photographers in his letter to you of the 23rd March. He there suggested that the tour should be divided up between the principal photographers of India. Thus Burke might be given the Punjab and North-West Frontier Provinces, Lawrie or Rust the United Provinces, and Deen Dayal Bombay and Hyderabad. I return the letters from photographic firms which you sent.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

- No. 41. -

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TO SURGN.-GENL. G. BOMFORD, M. D., C. I. E., Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 15th, 1905.

SIR,

The Viceroy has received a telegram from the India Office asking him to suspend action about a Surgeon for the Prince of Wales until he has heard again from His Royal Highness. Colonel Perry's visit to Simla might therefore be postponed for a while. Moreover, the Viceroy is himself ill and could not see Colonel Perry for the present.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) J. PUTNAM,
For *Private Secy. to Viceroy.*

No. 42.

To COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR BIGGE,

I could not answer your letter of March 17th until I came up here, which I only did a few days ago, and could consult my Finance Member. We will have pleasure in paying all the expenses of all the Indian Officers and Subordinate establishment provided by us while His Royal Highness is in India, regarding this as part of the entertainment which we consider it an honour to offer. This decision will, I think, relieve the £20,000 of what might have been a very considerable strain.

But it ought not, I think, to apply to the following small items :—

(1) The cost of General Beatson's journey to and from England, which was undertaken not at our instance, but in deference to orders from home.

(2) The pay of any immediate subordinates (whether English or Indian) of Lawrence as Head of the Staff (I refer to clerks).

(3) Native body servants for the party coming from England.

I hope that His Royal Highness, for whose great consideration as expressed by you I am sincerely grateful, will regard these proposals as suitable.

Next week, if I have heard from all my local officers in time, I hope to address the Prince with an amended draft programme.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 43.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

The replies are not yet all in and I cannot write about the programme until next week. Bahawalpur will certainly have to go out. I will see about Nabha. Of course, as you know, he is *not* the Senior Phulkian Chief. I would not send the Prince to Jammu myself. There is nothing whatever to see there: and it seems to me only a waste of valuable time.

I will consider about the Foreign Office representative. If attached he might be sent while in Native States only. I think he will be wanted for ceremonial work, *mizaj pursi*, *attar* and *pan*, &c.

The Aden people have written to know whether the Prince and Princess will land there either on way out or back (I strongly recommend the former), further, whether the Prince will receive an address or accept any form of entertainment. General Mason, the Resident, has had a slight stroke and is just going home on four months' leave, so you might arrange with him.

No, I never saw an article in *Vanity Fair* about myself.

I am again in bed.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 44.

To H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR AMPHILL,

I have received your excellent suggestions for a revised programme for the Prince of Wales at Madras: and I will submit it with your own explanation to him, when I send back the whole of the criticisms that are being received from different parts. I think you have made an admirable disposition of the time.

In the meantime there is not the least objection to your letting the Madras people hold their meeting and form their Committee. Also the Native Chiefs can be informed as you propose.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

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No. 45.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay.

P * Telegram, 21st April 1905, 7-40 p. m.

Do you think you will be able to let me have anything more in reply to my letter of March 20th about Royal visit before next Wednesday? I have to send revised programme home to Prince by next mail.

No. 46.

*Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to H. H. Sir Charles Rivaz, K.C.S.I.,
Lieut.-Governor, Punjab, dated 21st April 1905.*

With regard to the Prince of Wales' visit Lawrence has written to me recognizing that Bahawalpur must be knocked out, but asking if the Prince's train could halt at Nabha on one of his journeys to or fro. The points upon which I shall be glad of an opinion from you are whether the Prince can halt in Nabha, which is not the senior Phulkian State, without giving offence to the remainder, and whether you recommend such a proceeding.

No. 47.

TO H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR ANDREW,

I think that I should no longer delay in addressing you about the projected visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

According to the provisional programme now under discussion Their Royal Highnesses contemplate being in Calcutta from December 30th to January 10th, including a short visit to Darjeeling from January 6th to 9th (journeys inclusive).

In the course of their stay in Calcutta, it is in contemplation that the following functions will take place :—

- (1) Presentation of Municipal Address ;
- (2) Race Meeting (December 30th) ;
- (3) Proclamation Parade (January 1st) ;
- (4) Levée and Drawing-room (probably) ;
- (5) Laying of foundation stone of Victoria Memorial Hall ;
- (6) State Ball ;
- (7) Garden Party at Government House ;

When the present King visited Calcutta in 1875-6 he stayed for a longer time, December 23rd—January 3rd, and was able to do a good deal more, *e. g.*—

- (a) he drove through the streets of the town illuminated in his honour;
- (b) he dined with the Lieutenant-Governor;
- (c) he visited the five principal hospitals;
- (d) he attended a Native *fête* given in his honour at Belgachia;
- (e) he attended a ball given in his honour by the European community;
- (f) he held a Chapter of the Star of India;
- (g) he witnessed fire-works;
- (h) he unveiled the statue of Lord Mayo;
- (i) he attended two performances at English theatre;
- (j) he witnessed polo and tent-pegging on the Maidan;
- (k) he attended a Convocation of the Calcutta University to receive an honorary degree.

As regards a possible repetition of the above items I may remark—

- (a) should I think be repeated;
- (b) you will doubtless desire to entertain Their Royal Highnesses;
- (c) I doubt there being time;
- (d) I imagine the Natives will wish to do something;
- (e) no time on this occasion in addition to the State Ball;
- (f) is not to take place;
- (g) I think it a pity to drag Their Royal Highnesses out at night to see fireworks of which they will have had more than enough in Native States and of which everybody is heartily sick. Fine illuminations in the city will be far more appropriate and beautiful;
- (i) I know of no theatre worthy of the honour;
- (j) I have discussed this with the Military and for various reasons it has been abandoned;
- (k) I have already forwarded a similar request to His Royal Highness.

I now have to ask you for your opinion on the above proposals and for any other ideas that you may care to offer. You will know whether and when it may be desirable to hold a public meeting in Calcutta, or to organise a Reception Committee, or to take any other steps.

Every arrangement will of course require to be communicated to His Royal Highness for approval.

I enclose for your perusal (and return) an account of the present King's visit to Calcutta written a few years ago by Sir R. Temple.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 48.

To H. H. SIR H. S. BARNES, K. C. S. I., K. C. V. O., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR HUGH,

His Excellency the Viceroy has received the permission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to include a visit to Burma in the projected tour of the Princess and himself in the forthcoming cold weather.

In the sketch programme sent out by His Royal Highness to the Viceroy the following arrangements are proposed :—

1906.

Jan. 10th	...	.....	... Leave Calcutta in morning for Burma.
(Wednesday)			
„ 11th	...	On Board ship.	
(Thursday)			
„ 12th	...	„	
(Friday)			
„ 13th	...	Rangoon	... Rest.
(Saturday)			State Banquet followed by a Reception.
„ 14th	...	„	... Church.
(Sunday)			Drive in the evening.
			Private Dinner.
„ 15th	...	„	... Visit Teak Yards and Oil Refinery.
(Monday)			Receive leading persons in afternoon.
			Small Dinner.
			Illuminations on the Lake.
			Leave in evening for Mandalay.

Jan. 16th	... Mandalay	... Public arrival.
(Tuesday)		
		Rest.
		Private Dinner.
„ 17th	... „	... Visit Palace and Pagodas.
(Wednesday)		
		Boat races on Moat in afternoon.
		Small Dinner.
„ 18th	... „	... Leave Mandalay by river.
(Thursday)		
„ 19th	... On river.	
(Friday)		
„ 20th	... „	... Duck Shoot near river.
(Saturday)		
		Land at Prome and reach Rangoon at night.
„ 21st	... Rangoon	... Church.
(Sunday)		
		Rest.
		Private Dinner.
„ 22nd	...	Leave Rangoon for Madras.
(Monday)		

The suggested arrangements while in Burma are purely provisional and are capable of revision after consultation with you. They appear to have been copied in the main from the Viceroy's own tour to Burma in 1901-2 and may not be altogether suitable now. For instance, the duck shoot near Prome was a failure when His Excellency went there. In a recent letter to the Viceroy you advocated a Kheddah in Upper Burma. But His Excellency does not think that there will be any time for this, the more so as the Prince hopes to see a Kheddah in Mysore.

The actual dates and details of the visit are still confidential. But you are at liberty to consult your officers, and to make it known that the Prince and Princess are expected to visit Burma in January next, in case the Rangoon people wish to take any steps as to their reception. Perhaps when you have thought over the matter you will address the Viceroy and let him know what modifications, if any, you would propose.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 49.

To THE HON'BLE SIR J. A. BOURDILLON, K. C. S. I., Resident in Mysore.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR JAMES,

Before you leave India His Excellency thinks that you may desire yourself to convey to His Highness the Maharaja the intimation that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales contemplate visiting Mysore in January and February next if it is agreeable to His Highness to receive them.

In the sketch tour drawn up by His Royal Highness, but the details of which are at present only provisional in character, it is proposed that Their Royal Highnesses should spend two days in Bangalore, two or three days in Mysore, and three days in a shooting camp. This would be at the very beginning of February next.

It is not necessary to make any detailed arrangements at this early date, but perhaps the Maharaja would like to consider whether there will be any sport available at that time or whether he would prefer to arrange an elephant Kheddah which I think that the Prince might like to see.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 50.

To THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR COLVIN,

His Excellency the Viceroy was in communication with Sir A. Martindale, before he left India, as to the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to India next winter. You will see from the papers that Their Royal Highnesses contemplate visiting the following Rajput Chiefs:—Udaipur *about* November 18th to 21st, Jaipur *about* November 21st to 24th, Bikanir *about* November 25th to 27th. These dates are not finally fixed. But His Excellency thinks that you might now write to these Chiefs, inform them of the honour that it is proposed to confer upon them, and ask them if it would be agreeable to them to receive Their Royal Highnesses at approximately the times mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 51.

TO THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

His Excellency the Viceroy will reply later on to your letter about the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. In the meantime he thinks that you might now safely address Maharaja Scindia, informing him of the honour that it is proposed to confer upon him, and asking him whether it would be agreeable to him to entertain Their Royal Highnesses for a few days about December 21st.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 52.

TO THE HON. MR. J. P. HEWETT, C. S. I., C. I. E., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

In a recent letter Sir W. Lawrence asked if the Prince of Wales and his party can be exempted from Customs examination and duties on landing at Bombay. His Excellency replied that he did not think there would be the least difficulty. He would like to know if this can be arranged.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) JAMES PUTNAM,

For *Private Secretary to the Viceroy.*

No. 53.

Viceroy to Governor { Bombay, Mahableshtar.
Madras, Ootacamund.

* Telegram, 25th April 1905, 9-25 a. m.

Do you approve of idea of drawing room to be held at ^{Bombay}_{Madras} by Princess ?

No. 54.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 27th, 1905.

SIR,

Since I last had the honour of corresponding with Your Royal Highness I have been in confidential communication with the whole of the heads of Administrations throughout India with reference to the details of Your Royal Highness's projected Tour. I have also written to Lawrence and Bigge on a number of questions. I think that we are now in a position to turn the sketch programme into a more permanent form and to fill in the details with greater accuracy.

I will deal with the programme in chronological order. I am sending to Lawrence a mass of correspondence explaining the proposed suggestions, and I will not trouble Your Royal Highness with this. I will here only condense its results and make definite recommendations.

Aden.—I have asked Lawrence (on April 20th) whether Your Royal Highness will land at Aden. The King did so in 1875 and received an address. I forget whether Your Royal Highness landed there on your Colonial tour. Aden is a part of the Indian Empire, and unless Your Royal Highness feels any objections, I think that it will expect the honour of a brief inspection.

Bombay.—I strongly urge Your Royal Highness to arrive at Bombay, if possible, on Thursday, November 9th, at noon (according to Lamington's programme B), and to land on that afternoon as the King did in 1875, instead of on the following morning. Otherwise your first day will be one of insupportable fatigue, and I foresee that there will be no opportunity for the conversations that will be desirable between Your Royal Highness or your entourage and myself. There will be a good deal to talk about and arrange.

The present occasion differs materially from the last in two particulars—

(a) The Princess is accompanying Your Royal Highness, and therefore the arrangements made for the attendance of the Viceroy upon you must probably be different;

(b) In 1875 the Government House was at Parel and the Viceroy put up at Malabar Point. Now Parel has become a Laboratory and Malabar Point is the sole available house, and that is very small. I am afraid, therefore, that it will be impossible for me to stay in Bombay at the same time as Your Royal Highness for the reason that there is no residence at which Lady Curzon

and I could put up. I propose therefore, after meeting Your Royal Highness, to depart at midnight by train in order to relieve everybody of what will be a great encumbrance and to leave the Governor of Bombay to run his own show. In these circumstances it would be a decided advantage if there could be a quiet dinner at Government House on that night (November 9th). We could get through all the necessary conversation, and Your Royal Highness would commence your regular business next morning.

In 1875, as Your Royal Highness can see from the Appendix of Russell's book, the Viceroy accompanied the present King in the long drive through the city. It seems to me that Your Royal Highness would probably prefer to drive with the Princess of Wales, and that this will be the better arrangement. I would accordingly propose, when the carriage procession leaves the landing place, to retire to the Admiral's House which is close at hand, and to drive up later to Government House for dinner.

The remaining points in the revised programme, upon which I ask leave to comment, are the following :—

(1) The Gaekwar of Baroda will not be in India at the time of Your Royal Highness's visit, and will not therefore visit or be visited at Bombay.

(2) It will be impossible for Your Royal Highness to confine the interchange of visits to Kolhapur, Gondal, and Morvi. The two latter are only 14 and 15 in rank in the list of the Bombay Chiefs. There will be from 12 to 14 visits and return visits that cannot be avoided. Lord Lamington has proposed to add the Aga Khan, but he is not a Ruling Chief, and cannot have a return visit.

(3) It is undesirable that Your Royal Highness should receive a separate address from the Chamber of Commerce. The precedent would then have to be followed throughout India. It is also undesirable that the Chamber should join in with the Corporation. The latter will welcome you on behalf of all races and classes. The Chamber is a European body, and to select it for this special honour would cause much offence. I am informing Lamington to this effect.

(4) It is the custom to hold Levées at Bombay in the afternoon and perhaps Your Royal Highness will agree.

(5) The question of the Drawing Room is a rather difficult one, and I solicit orders. The Viceroy being the sole representative of the Sovereign in India, Calcutta is the only place where a Drawing Room is held, and it is held by him (his wife stands at his side). No Drawing Room has ever been held at Madras or Bombay. When I saw that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales proposed to hold Drawing Rooms there, I asked the two Governors for their opinion. Lamington is opposed to a Drawing Room

thinking that a large number of persons will thereby obtain or claim a Court status to which they are not entitled. Ampthill supports it for the same reason for which Lamington disapproves, desiring to please the ladies of Madras. If a Drawing Room is held at Bombay and Madras early orders will be required as to whether Court trains and feathers are to be worn. Neither are obligatory at Calcutta: and the large majority of ladies wear neither. The place of Drawing Rooms at Bombay and Madras is taken by evening parties at which both sexes troop by together making bows. This involves a certain reduplication of labour, if the men have already attended a levée. I think, therefore, that it is for the Princess to decide exactly as she thinks fit. Perhaps the Colonial tour will provide an analogy. If Drawing Rooms are not held (except at Calcutta), no one will be surprised, as they have never been held before. If they are held, it may be well not to require trains or feathers, and to intimate that presentation is not equivalent to presentation at the Court in England.

(6) Bigge has already told me that Your Royal Highness would prefer to escape the Convocation functions at Bombay and Madras, and I am informing the Governors accordingly.

(7) A Municipal Banquet is, I think, quite uncalled for, and would establish an inconvenient precedent.

(8) Lamington submits three minor suggestions—

(a) Foundation Stone of Docks.

(b) Ditto of new Museum.

(c) Alternative of State Ball or Byculla Club Ball.

These are for orders. If it is decided to build a big Museum (a great need of Bombay) in commemoration of Your Royal Highness's visit, it would be a highly appreciated compliment if you would lay the Foundation Stone. Lamington also in a private letter lays stress on the Dock Scheme.

(9) Lamington reports that quail cannot be relied upon at Kaira, and suggests that you might stop *en route* for an hour or two at Ahmedabad and see some of the exquisite buildings there, which are among those that I have had restored. This seems to me a good suggestion. It is also the place where *kinkobs* are manufactured.

(10) I do not think that a visit to Poona is at all necessary.

(11) I think that when Your Royal Highness has settled all the main points, the future correspondence about Bombay had better be conducted between Lawrence and Lamington.

Rajputana.—I have sent to Lawrence the letter that I received from Sir A. Martindale, the Agent to the Governor-General. He is now on leave in England and will not be in India to carry out the arrangements of the tour. His place is filled by Mr. Colvin.

In Rajputana there must be certain modifications—

(1) From reasons of precedence, which is a burning question in Rajputana, we cannot collect the whole of the Rajput Chiefs at one place. Your Royal Highness will honour by separate visits the Maharajas of Udaipur, Jaipur, and Bikanir. They will not require, therefore, to be at Ajmer. It is proposed that the following Chiefs should meet you at the latter place:—Jodhpur, Bundi, Kota, Jaisalmer, Dungarpur, Sirohi, Pertabgarh, and Jhalawar. Jodhpur, whom I had to deprive of his powers because of his dissolute life and disgraceful conduct, is, after a period of two years' probation, to be sent back to his State with restricted powers in November. He cannot, therefore, be denied the honour of meeting Your Royal Highness. Indeed it is likely to stimulate him to better conduct. Shahpura will also come to Ajmer, but is not entitled to a return visit.

(2) The five Rajputana Chiefs who live near Agra should preferably come there as they have done on previous occasions. In order to split up the various Chiefs and divide labour, it is in any case inevitable that Your Royal Highness should receive a few at Agra, and this will probably apply to some of the Central India Chiefs also.

(3) It will not be possible to collect the whole of the Political Officers in Rajputana at Ajmer. A sufficient number will come in attendance on the Chiefs.

(4) Waddington, the excellent Principal of the Chiefs' College, requests that Your Royal Highness should perform one of certain functions at the College. Of these I think that the most appropriate would be laying the foundation stone of the addition to the College, which we are building in connection with the great reforms that we have been carrying out there in the last few years, and that have already raised the number of pupils from 45 to over 90. Since Your Royal Highness will be at the College no additional labour will be required to perform this ceremony.

(5) The Maharajas of Ulwar and Kota have invited Your Royal Highness to their States. I have informed them that the arrangements already made will unfortunately not admit of their being included in the programme.

And now I come to the point at which I think that it will be necessary to make some alteration in the programme sent out by Your Royal Highness. Careful study has shown that it is open to improvement in the following respects:—

(a) It gives an unnecessarily long time to some of the Rajputana visits.

(b) It sacrifices valuable time at Peshawar, where there is very little to be done.

(c) It gives insufficient time at Delhi, where some of the Punjab Chiefs must be summoned, in order to relieve the strain at Lahore.

(d) It only gives two days to Agra—by far the most beautiful spot in India: and leaves no time for the not inconsiderable number of Chiefs who must be brought there to see Your Royal Highness, because they cannot be squeezed in elsewhere.

(e) It omits from consideration the Central India Chiefs of whom there are 12 entitled to a visit and return visit. If all other Chiefs are to be received in their own country or neighbourhood, the Central India Chiefs may legitimately claim the same privilege. It is impossible to invite them to Calcutta, for the expense of taking a house and living there during Your Royal Highness's visit will in many cases be quite prohibitive, and there would be some feeling if they alone in India were expected to go so far afield. A few of them can perhaps be sent to Agra. For the remainder I propose that as Your Royal Highness is not going to leave India *via* Bombay, and cannot therefore look in at Indore (as the King did) on your return journey—you should (if the Agent to the Governor-General approves and if it can be arranged) devote a day to going over from Gwalior to Jhansi, which is in British territory, and either holding a Durbar there or exchanging visits with such of the Central India Chiefs as might be summoned there to meet Your Royal Highness.

It is in order to supply these deficiencies that I now propose the following arrangements which I have marked in ink on the margin of a copy of the existing programme enclosed herewith—

At present there have been proposed for—

Udaipur 3 days.

Jaipur 4 days.

Bikanir 3 days.

The Agent to the Governor-General suggests, rightly I think, that two days are ample for Udaipur, since there is nothing to be done there but sight-seeing within a very narrow compass. I propose to save another day at Jaipur, leaving Jaipur and Bikanir with 3 days each. In this way we shall gain 2 days which will be invaluable later on: while Your Royal Highness will still have 2 days' shooting at Jaipur if you desire. This plan will bring Your Royal Highness to Lahore on the morning of November 26th.

Punjab.—Here I would make the following remarks:—

(1) The eight principal Punjab Chiefs who are entitled to an exchange of visits, *viz.*, Patiala, Bahawalpur, Jind, Nabha, Faridkot, Kapurthala, Mandi, Sirmur, will be at Lahore to meet Your Royal Highness. Sir C. Rivaz proposes, and I concur, that the remaining five who would desire to present their respects to Your Royal Highness, but who are not entitled to a return visit, should be brought to Delhi. This will be convenient for all parties.

(2) The Punjab greatly covet the honour of giving a ball to Your Royal Highnesses in the Montgomery Hall at Lahore. I recommend this, because it will enable a Reception to be dispensed with and will also enable Your Royal Highnesses to see those whom you may desire, and to be seen by them at infinitely less trouble to yourselves.

(3) Sir C. Rivaz, the Lieutenant-Governor, is leaving for England by the present mail and will be available for consultation with Lawrence.

(4) Though in the present letter I do not propose to carry the amended programme beyond Calcutta, I may here mention that the Lieutenant-Governor and I both think that it would be undesirable for Your Royal Highness either to visit Bahawalpur on your return to the Punjab in March (since there is no reason why the young Nawab should be selected for this special honour, and offence would thereby be given to the Phulkian Chiefs) or to halt in the territory of the old Raja of Nabha. If Your Royal Highness were to halt in any Phulkian State, it could only be in the premier State, Patiala; and that is unnecessary at the present juncture, the Maharaja being a minor. Your Royal Highness will, therefore, if you concur in these views, see all these Chiefs at Lahore, and probably, in the case of the Sikh Chiefs, again at Amritsar. After the four days at Lahore we now proceed to—

Peshawar, where four days will be ample, Colonel Deane, the Chief Commissioner, himself dissuading any longer stay. I am sending his letter to Lawrence, and would observe—

(1) There is unfortunately no snipe-shooting in those parts in November and December. They do not come in till February.

(2) I concur in Colonel Deane's recommendation that the Municipal Committee and leading men of the Province should present a joint address. The North-West Frontier Province is different from other parts of India.

(3) Colonel Deane suggests a Levée instead of a reception of private visitors. In a station where there are so many Military Officers, this seems appropriate. It would not take more than 20 minutes: and the ladies would have their share at the Garden Party.

Jummu.—I have retained the day at Jummu though, as I have previously informed Your Royal Highness, it is a place of no interest, and the visit, though it will be a high honour to the Maharaja, is not really necessary.

Amritsar.—Sir C. Rivaz asks that Your Royal Highness should extend your brief visit to Amritsar by an hour in order to visit the Khalsa or Sikh College. This would entail no ceremony or speech-making, but would lend an invaluable stimulus to a most important and admirable undertaking, about which Lawrence can inform Your Royal Highness.

Delhi.—These plans bring Your Royal Highness to Delhi on December 5th instead of December 8th, and they will give you four clear days there before you go into camp with Lord Kitchener. This time will certainly be required for (a) the visits of the remaining Punjab Chiefs previously alluded to; (b) excursion to the Kutub and neighbouring monuments; (c) visit to the Fort and Jumma Musjid; (d) inspection of the Ridge and Mutiny sites; (e) visit to the site of Delhi Durbar.

While at Delhi it is proposed that Your Royal Highnesses should occupy the Circuit House, where Lady Curzon and I resided at the time of the Durbar. It is a most comfortable house in a splendid situation just below the Ridge, and your camp would be pitched on the site of ours just below.

On Sunday afternoon, December 10th, Your Royal Highness would drive quietly over to Lord Kitchener's Camp, which will, I believe, be no great distance away. Four clear days will be devoted to the manœuvres. There will be collected the largest military force ever assembled for such a purpose in British India, *viz.*, 40,000 to 50,000 men.

Agra.—Your Royal Highness would then arrive at Agra on the morning of December 15th, and would have four days there. This will enable you to receive those of the Rajputana Chiefs who had not been to Ajmer, and those of the Central India Chiefs who will not be at Jhansi. It will also give time to see some, at any rate, of the wonderful buildings at Agra, which are far more beautiful than any others in India, or in the world.

At Agra we propose that Your Royal Highnesses should occupy the charming new Circuit House, in the new Park that we have made outside the Taj. There is ample room in the surrounding grounds for the necessary Camp. Both there and at Delhi the Lieutenant-Governor will be in an independent Camp, in attendance upon Your Royal Highness when required.

Bhurtpore.—The Bhurtpore duck-shoot will then be on December 19th, Tuesday. Your Royal Highness would stay there either the night of December 18th and 19th, or if you preferred to travel there by night from Agra on the night of the 18th, then on the 19th only. The Resident, as I expected, advises against a second attempt at a duck-shoot, but is anxious to put in a day's tiger shooting at a place 30 miles away. This I am afraid cannot be managed consistently with the Jhansi plan. Your Royal Highness will, however, obtain a plethora of tigers elsewhere.

Gwalior.—Your Royal Highness would then arrive at Gwalior in the middle of December 20th, and might get through the State visits that afternoon. You could then devote Thursday and Friday, December 21st and 22nd, to shooting. The first tiger will, I believe, be within 8 or 9 miles of the City. On Saturday Your Royal Highness would proceed to Jhansi (which is only 60 miles distant) by train and return in the same day, holding the Durbar

or exchanging visits with the Central India Chiefs as may be arranged. You would be back at Gwalior on Saturday night and would have Sunday and Monday (Christmas Day) to see the old Fort and to rest: or if Your Royal Highness preferred to spend Christmas Day in British territory and attend an English service, you could leave Gwalior on Sunday night, and be in Lucknow first thing on the morning of the 25th.

Lucknow.—Here the Lieutenant-Governor would place Government House at the disposal of Your Royal Highnesses, going into an adjoining camp himself. The Talukdars will probably desire to give a night reception with illuminations to Your Royal Highness at the Kaiser Bagh. It is a sight well worth seeing. Here the original programme will stand.

I have now brought Your Royal Highness to Calcutta, and here I will stop today, completing the rest of the tour in a week or a fortnight's time.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's faithful and obedient Servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 55.

To MAJOR G. A. ROBERTSON.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 27th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to inform you that the invitation to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to a ball in the Montgomery Hall has been referred by His Excellency to the Prince of Wales.

The Lieutenant-Governor will be responsible for the Prince's Camp and entertainment at Delhi, for the 3—4 days during which His Royal Highness will occupy the Circuit House. After that he will become the guest of the Commander-in-Chief.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) JAMES PUTNAM,
For *Private Secretary to the Viceroy.*

No. 56.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 27th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I send you by this mail—

- (1) Copy of my long letter of today to the Prince of Wales. He will doubtless send for you and give you one of his own copies so that you need not mention having already received it.
- (2) Copy of the Tour programme as amended in accordance with the suggestions in the latter.
- (3) Copies of explanatory correspondence for your *confidential* use and information.

I need only add today—

- (a) I have ordered two new saloons for the Prince and Princess on the metre gauge train. Those ordinarily used by Lady Curzon and myself will be available for the ladies and other swells with them. A number of carriages recently specially constructed for the use of Native Chiefs and high officials will be used by the Staff.
- (b) It is impossible to push in a visit to Simla in the crowded period before Christmas. It must be done later if at all.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 57.

TO THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 27th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR DALY,

The Viceroy has now considered your letter to me of April the 11th and has addressed the Prince of Wales with regard to your proposals for Central India. It is unfortunately out of the question that the

Prince of Wales should visit Indore, since when he arrives in India he is going *viâ* Rajputana directly to the Punjab and the North-West Frontier, while on his return journey to the Western Coast instead of traversing Central India as his father did, thereby giving him the opportunity of stopping at Indore, the Prince of Wales will leave the country *viâ* Quetta and Karachi.

In these circumstances we have to see how the Central India Chiefs can best be fitted into the existing programme. It seems to the Viceroy undesirable that the Central India Chiefs, and they alone, should be invited to Calcutta. Prices there are so enormous that they will be involved in very considerable expense which many of them are ill-qualified to bear, and some feeling may be aroused by the inability of the Prince of Wales to receive them alone out of all the Native Chiefs of India either in their own territory or in close proximity to it.

It has occurred to His Excellency, therefore, that it might be possible, while the Prince is at Gwalior, to arrange for him to go over for a day to Jhansi. There, in British territory, and in the Fort, which is a very suitable place, he might either hold a Durbar for the Central India Chiefs or might exchange visits with those who were entitled to the honour. He would return to Gwalior in the same evening. All that the Chiefs would require to do would be to pitch small camps with suitable accommodation for themselves and their retainers and with means for receiving the Prince of Wales—an expense that would in all probability be incomparably less than a sojourn in the forthcoming winter season at Calcutta. The smaller Chiefs, whom you have mentioned might then go to Agra and be received there.

Will you let the Viceroy know with as little delay as possible whether you think this arrangement a feasible one, and if so how you would divide the Chiefs between Jhansi and Agra? The date for Jhansi, if this plan be adopted, would probably be December the 23rd.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 58.

To H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, April 28th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR WALLACE,

Excuse my sending this to you in print. I am in bed with back-pains, and it tires me to sit up and write in ink. I have written

to the Prince of Wales, forwarding your suggestions and backing to the best of my ability those to which you attach importance.

(1) I entirely agree with your suggestion that the Prince and Princess should land in the afternoon, I would say at 4-30 P. M.

(2) Also with the suggestion of a quiet dinner that night before the turmoil begins next day.

This plan would fit in well with the ideas that I have formed of my own movements in connection with the Prince's arrival, and which I may as well now explain. In 1875 the present King stayed at Parel which was then Government House, and Lord Northbrook stayed at Malabar Point, which then belonged to the Bombay Commander-in-Chief. Now you have only one house, and there is no room for me. Further, if the Prince of Wales is to hold a big dinner and levée on his first night, the Viceroy could not be present.

My idea therefore is as follows: I would arrive in Bombay by train in the early morning of the day, and could discuss anything that was necessary with you. Then I would go on board, as Lord Northbrook did, and bring off the Prince. When the procession starts from the Apollo Bunder I would not join it. I could not very well drive with the Prince, as Lord Northbrook did, because of the Princess. Neither can the Viceroy very well drive separately in the procession. I propose, therefore, when you have all started off, to drive quietly to the Admiral's House. Thence I would come up to Malabar Point for a quiet dinner later on, after which I could have the talk which the Prince will desire. I would then drive away to the Station and leave at midnight. I hope that you will think these suggestions appropriate.

(3) I have advised strongly against a Chamber of Commerce address. It would be a bad precedent, and you may be sure that it will be declined.

(4) I have advocated a Levée as proposed.

(5) I have already heard from the Prince of Wales saying that he will only accept a degree at the premier University, Calcutta, and must ask to be excused elsewhere. You may therefore inform your University people that His Royal Highness will not be able to accept the invitation. He desires to offer a compliment to the Indian Universities, but being obliged to select one, he has had no alternative but to choose the University at the Capital city of the Indian Empire.

(6) As you advise against a drawing room and Ampthill for it (both, strange to say, on the same grounds), I have referred the matter home with the *pros* and *cons*, and, if the decision is to hold drawing rooms, have solicited orders about trains and feathers.

(7) I have transmitted the alternatives of a State Ball and Byculla Club Ball.

(8) I have advised against a Municipal Banquet as uncalled for and an inconvenient precedent.

(9) I have suggested that, as soon as the amended programme is accepted, all future correspondence about details at Bombay should be conducted between Lawrence and yourself.

(10) I have endorsed the excellent Ahmedabad suggestion.

(11) There is no time or (in my view) need for Poona.

(12) The Aga Khan is not a Ruling Chief, and cannot possibly receive a return visit. It would result in endless complications and give great offence.

(13) Janjira is not entitled to a return visit. This is an honour not common to all 11-gun Chiefs, but confined to a limited number. Once granted it is never withdrawn, but it can only be conferred by the Viceroy. I conceded it to Porbander, Gondal, and Morvi when at Rajkot. If you wish to submit a special recommendation on Janjira's behalf you will doubtless do so.

(14) I have received orders from His Royal Highness to invite the Maharaja of Idar to be Chief of his Native Staff while in India, and to accompany him through so much of his journeys as may be convenient. Will you kindly advise me as to how long we can properly take away the Chief from his State and convey to him the Royal invitation? Details can be given to him later on.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 59.

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To THE HON. MR. H. W. W. REYNOLDS, Commissioner, Agra Division.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR REYNOLDS,

Will you very kindly tell me whether it will be possible for Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to go by the road from Fatehpur Sikri to Bharatpur? His Excellency the Viceroy thinks that it will be convenient if Their Royal Highnesses travel by motor from Agra to Fatehpur Sikri and thence in the same fashion to Bharatpur. He wishes to know whether the condition of the road is such as to make the scheme practicable and convenient.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 60.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 4th, 1905.

SIR,

I now have the honour to continue my letter of last week, and to resume the discussions of Your Royal Highness's tour from the date of your arrival at Calcutta on 29th December. I have not yet heard from the Lieutenant-Governor as to the nature of the reception which the people of Calcutta may desire to organise for Your Royal Highnesses. But the arrangements suggested in the sketch programme will, I think, admit of improvement in several particulars which I will name.

(1) The list of persons to be invited to the State Ball turns almost entirely upon those who will have already attended the Levée and the Drawing Room. It is therefore desirable to hold those two functions as early as possible in the visit, and the Ball as late as possible.

(2) I should inform Your Royal Highness that the number of persons, European and Native, attending the Levée will probably not fall far short of 2,000. The largest in any year since I came to Calcutta has been 1,850, and I have had to divide the Levées in each year into two in consequence. This will be impossible in the short time at Your Royal Highness's disposal, and I fear that you will be subjected to the inconvenience of a very long and tedious function.

(3) If the Chiefs are fairly distributed in the Provincial Capitals and centres, there will, I hope, be very few to take up your time in Calcutta.

(4) It would be impossible, as suggested in the sketch, to sleep at Barrackpore on Sunday night and to return to Calcutta in time for the Proclamation Parade on Monday morning. The latter is held at 8-30 A. M. A much better plan will be to leave the Races at 4-30 or 5 P. M. on Saturday afternoon, and proceed either by river or rail to Barrackpore, to spend the night and next day there, returning in the afternoon in time for the evening service (which is the big service) at the Cathedral at 6 P. M.

The arrangements, therefore, which I propose tentatively are—

Dec. 29th	...	...	Arrival. Municipal Address. Small Dinner. Levéé.
„ 30th	...	...	Races. Go to Barrackpore.
„ 31st	...	...	Return from Barrackpore. Attend Cathedral. Dine with Lord Kitchener.
Jan. 1st	...	...	Proclamation Parade. University Convocation. State Banquet (men).
„ 2nd	...	...	Drawing Room.
„ 3rd	...	...	Garden Party. Drive through city after dinner to see illuminations.
„ 4th	...	...	Possible snipe shoot. Big Dinner (high officials and wives).
„ 5th	...	...	Foundation Stone of Victoria Hall. Dine with Lieutenant-Governor.
„ 6th—8th	...	...	Darjeeling.
„ 9th	...	...	Rest. State Ball.

Burma.—I have not yet heard from the Lieutenant-Governor, and must postpone this part of the programme for the present.

Madras.—I am sending to Lawrence a letter from Lord Ampthill in which he proposes arrangements for Your Royal Highness's visit to the Madras Presidency. I have been carefully through them, and they seem to me excellent in every way. They have the merits of—

- (a) not extending the total time allotted in the sketch programme,
- (b) including visits to two other places in Southern India besides Trichinopoly. There would, I think, be great disappointment if Your Royal Highness were not seen in any of those great and famous centres of population.
- (c) throwing in a good duck-shoot.

Mysore and Hyderabad.—There is nothing to say about these at present. The details (sport, &c.) are being worked out by the Residents in consultation with the Chiefs.

Benares.—I advise (and so does the Lieutenant-Governor) against Your Royal Highness attempting the shoot at Benares. It will involve a disproportionate waste of time. I know the ground, having been there myself. First, there is a drive of between 25 and 30 miles from Benares to the Camp. Then there is a march on elephants for at least an hour, perhaps more, to the shooting grounds. Then there are only deer and bear to be driven up to the guns. The shoot could not be accomplished in less than two days, and it would not be worth the sacrifice of time. Much better sport will await Your Royal Highness in the Nepal Terai.

Nepal.—The Prime Minister is making all arrangements. While Your Royal Highness is in Nepal, I hope that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales may really think about honouring us again in Calcutta. After the fatigue and exhaustion of prolonged touring in India, the single thing that one longs for is comfort and repose. I am afraid that neither at Dehra Dun (which is very poky and confined) nor at Lucknow, nor Agra, nor anywhere else, will Her Royal Highness find these to quite the same extent as in Government House at Calcutta. There Her Royal Highness can do as little as she pleases, and her accommodation and surroundings will be preferable to those in any other residence. We can also show her in a quiet way a good many interesting things in or near to Calcutta. I hope, therefore, that Her Royal Highness may possibly reconsider the decision on this point. It would also be delightful to welcome again, with Her Royal Highness, Lady Shaftesbury who is one of our oldest friends.

Cawnpore.—In the sketch programme it has been proposed to spend Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd and 4th, at Cawnpore. The Lieutenant-Governor advises against this suggestion. For there is no house there fit for Your Royal Highnesses's accommodation, and the sights of Cawnpore, as I know, are exhausted in about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Sir J. LaTouche recommends, therefore, that Your Royal Highness should visit Cawnpore during the earlier part of your tour, stopping there for a few hours on December 28th, on your journey from Lucknow to Calcutta. I recommend this plan. It would be made all the easier, if Your Royal Highness were to favour the suggestion contained in my letter of last week that you should spend Christmas Day at Lucknow, rather than in a Native State; for you would in that case still have three whole days at Lucknow.

Simla.—Your Royal Highness would then be able (having saved a day at Benares by abandoning the Chakia shoot) to leave the Nepal Camp a day earlier and to reach Simla in time to rest there on Sunday, March 4th, protracting your stay in this house for as long as you might think convenient.

Bahawalpur.—For reasons which I have mentioned to Lawrence it would be undesirable to halt in this State, and also undesirable to substitute for it a visit to any of the Phulkian States.

Quetta.—In these circumstances Your Royal Highness might either arrive at Quetta a little sooner, or stay there a little longer. If the duck are still in in Sind (which is one of the finest duck-grounds in India) we might arrange for a shoot somewhere between Sukkur and Karachi. But I rather expect that they will have gone by then.

Karachi.—I am sending to Lawrence a brief revised programme from Lamington. If Your Royal Highness desires to embark on the morning of Monday, March 19th, for Europe, the Karachi programme could be provided for by arriving there a day earlier from Quetta, *i. e.*, on March 16th.

I have not amended the later part of the draft programme in accordance with the suggestions made in this letter, since they are as yet merely tentative. I respectfully submit them for Your Royal Highness's consideration, and hope not to have occasion to trouble you with more than one additional letter.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's faithful and obedient Servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 61.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 4th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I send you a copy of the continuation of my letter to the Prince of Wales: and also, for your confidential perusal, the explanatory correspondence. I am consulting Foreign Office as to whether the Royal party can dispense with a special Political. In 1875 Major Henderson was responsible not only for the ceremonial, but also for the issue of all Notifications and of a frequent Gazette. I do not know whether this will be necessary, or, if so, whether a special officer will be required to undertake it. This we will settle later on. The ceremonies observed (*attar* and *pan*, &c.) are exactly the same in the case of the Prince as of the Viceroy.

I will also see whether the Police work can be done locally. Even so I do not see how we are to avoid the train difficulty; since a new policeman can hardly take up the work at each place.

As regards Pressmen I am considering how we can billet them. Where there are hotels we can take rooms for them. Elsewhere we will discuss providing tents. But the local pressmen will howl at any advantages given to the outsider, and are already suggesting the same free exercise of Government bounty *everywhere* as at the Delhi Durbar.

I will arrange about the photographers—also a somewhat delicate question.

In my last week's letter I told you what were my own plans for Bombay. I propose, as Lord Northbrook did, to come off to the ship to welcome His Royal Highness in the early afternoon, and then to escort him ashore. The remainder was sketched in my letter. At Calcutta I would also propose to follow the example set by Lord Northbrook, *viz.*, to meet Their Royal Highnesses on the steps (but of course on the lowest step) of Government House. At the station would be the Lieutenant-Governor, Corporation, &c. The procession would then be exclusively for Their Royal Highnesses, and I should be ready at Government House to welcome them, and to introduce to them the Members of Council, Bishop, and Judges, when they had reached the topmost step.

As soon as you let us know authoritatively about the capacities of the *Renown* for the Hooghly and Madras, I will, if required, take up the question of an Indian Marine vessel. Of course we will provide the best. But are you aware that the Admiral's Flagship, the *Hyacinth*, came up to Calcutta this year and lay off Eden Gardens?

There has been a slight misunderstanding about Charles. I did not recommend him, because I was not asked to recommend anybody, and the idea did not enter into my head. I remember Treves saying to me, I think at Calcutta, but it may have been in London, that he thought Charles would be a very good man; and I think I replied that to the best of my knowledge he would. But I did not know that the matter had been carried any further. Indeed when Treves was here the Prince's visit was not even decided. However, as the matter appears to have been settled, I think I had better let Charles know. But what he may say to the proposal to give up his practice (which is the largest in Calcutta) for 6 months I have no idea.

As Bigge wrote to me about Charles perhaps you will tell him what I have written.

In connection with what I wrote last week about Drawing Rooms at Madras and Bombay, I send you a further extract from a letter of Lamington—

“I think it is unnecessary and unsuitable. But I do not know whether a presentation would be the equivalent of one at Court, whether ladies after passing would be allowed to remain and be joined by their husbands, &c., thus turning the function into a reception. Unless this were done we have no evening on which ‘society’ would meet Their Royal Highnesses. I imagine plumes, &c., would be dispensed with. I wrote about this in my previous letter; on the whole I am opposed. The difficulties of drawing the line as to who should attend seem to me insuperable.”

I have asked Lamington to offer the post of Chief of the Indian Staff of the Prince to old Pertab. But please tell me—does the Prince want him everywhere, or only at show places? It must be remembered that Sir Pertab is now a Ruling Chief, and it might not be thought proper to take him away from his State for five months. Moreover, ought one Ruling Chief to be taken into the States of others? The question of train and other accommodation for him has also to be considered. Will you think this over and let me know what His Royal Highness would desire? I shall do nothing about the remaining members of the Indian Staff, European or Indian, until Beatson returns.

I have had rather a good idea about the Agra visit, *viz.*, to motor the Prince and Princess over to Fatehpur Sikri on the morning of the last day there, and then on in the same evening (it is only 11 miles) to Bhurtpore. In this way they would kill two birds with one stone, see that wonderful place, and escape the railway journey. Outside Bhurtpore, if necessary, Their Royal Highnesses could change into State carriages. I am enquiring about the roads.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

P. S.—I have just received the following Note from Fraser, who is acting Foreign Secretary, on the subject of a Political Officer. What he says seems to me very sound. Kindly let me have your views. I had myself suggested Bosanquet:—

“As regards the appointment of a Political Officer to the staff of the Prince of Wales, I am of opinion that it will be well worth while to make such an appointment.

“A Political Officer of some standing will be required to decide with authority the numerous questions of precedence, ceremonial, &c., which are sure to arise in connection with the reception of Native Chiefs in groups. It is true that local Political Officers will be present, but each will be busy with his own Chief, and they cannot be counted on, any more than they were at the Delhi Durbar, to be available for reception purposes, and the organisation of the general arrangements. Even the Agents to the Governor-General, I imagine, will take part in the actual ceremonial rather as those who are received than as conducting the reception on behalf

“of the Prince, and there will be numerous points of procedure upon which they will look for advice, and which can better be decided with uniformity by a representative of the Foreign Department on the spot than by repeated references to the Foreign Office at Calcutta.

“There will also be useful work for a Political Officer on the staff in compiling a complete record of the ceremonies, &c., and the reasons for deviations from precedent which may occur.

“Further, I imagine, that it will be useful to have with the Prince a certain number of officers with Indian experience, and it will be conducive to the prestige of the Department which habitually deals with Native Chiefs that one of these should be an officer of the Political Service.

“In 1875 it will be noticed, besides two Political Officers, Majors Henderson and Bradford, the Prince had with him (in what exact capacity is not clear) Majors Williams and Sartorius, who belonged to the Indian Army. Sir Dighton Probyn, who had Political experience, was also on the staff. On the present occasion Sir Walter Lawrence and General Beatson would probably be glad of the assistance of an experienced Civilian like Mr. Bosanquet.

“Sir Walter Lawrence is, of course, equipped with full knowledge, but will have little time to bestow on details.”

No. 62.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P.

Simla, May 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR TYLER,

In answer to your letter of May 1st the Viceroy desires me to say that he thinks the suggestion a good one, if there is not sufficient space at Government House, and that he will transmit it to the proper quarter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. BARING.

No. 63.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P.

Simla, May 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR TYLER,

In answer to your letter of May 4th, will you kindly inform the Honorary Secretary to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund that a request may be sent for His Royal Highness to unveil the Agra Memorial, and that, as Allahabad is not included in the tour, it will be useless mentioning that monument.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. BARING.

No. 64.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P.

Simla, May 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR TYLER,

In answer to your letter of 5th May, I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to inform you that the plans already made by His Royal Highness do not unfortunately permit of Aligarh being included in the programme, but that the invitation will be duly transmitted to His Royal Highness.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. BARING.

No. 65.

To L. D. HEARSEY, Esq.

Simla, May 8th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to thank you for your offer to put your shooting at the disposal of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to say in answer that the time at His Royal Highness' disposal will not, I am afraid, allow of his being able to have any shooting in the neighbourhood of Lucknow.

Believe me, yours truly,
(Sd.) E. BARING.

No. 66.

To HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 9th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

I have shown your letter of 1st May to the Viceroy. His Excellency is afraid that your suggestion to put in $1\frac{1}{2}$ days at Indore on the way to Ajmere is an impossibility. As you will readily understand, the whole tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has had to be calculated with reference to Sundays, and the interpolation of the visit to Indore would throw the entire programme out of gear from beginning to end.

It was for these reasons that His Excellency, in order to give to the Central India Chiefs their formal reception in or near to their own territory, made the

Jhansi suggestion, since it will be possible to spare a day from Gwalior without interfering with the tiger shoot there. I think, therefore, that you had better proceed upon this hypothesis. When you have carefully considered the matter you will doubtless advise whether there will be room and time for all the Central India Chiefs at Jhansi, or whether some of them should go to Agra: also whether the ceremony at Jhansi should be confined to an exchange of visits, or should consist of a Durbar, or of both. A Durbar is not going to be held anywhere else.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 67.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I write the following in continuation of recent correspondence.

(1) With reference to Bayley's letter from Hyderabad of March 30th, I hope that the Prince of Wales will be willing to see the Imperial Service Troops, both at Hyderabad and Bangalore. His Royal Highness need not hold a review or parade. He could drive to their lines or let them show themselves to him some morning. I do not yet know whether any Imperial Service Troops will be at the big manœuvres and review at Delhi—probably not. In any case they would not come the whole way from Mysore and Hyderabad.

(2) As the Prince and Princess are to be put up by the Nizam in one of his own Palaces, I think that the Resident should have the honour of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses to some meal or function at the Residency. This can be settled after Bayley has written again.

(3) I send you a preliminary reply from Bourdillon about Mysore. When your party goes there Bourdillon will have retired: and the Resident will probably be either Dane or Fraser (this is confidential), more likely the latter.

(4) I also send you correspondence with Daly showing that I have had to refuse the Indore suggestion (in order to mitigate his disappointment I shall go there myself, and lay the foundation stone of the resuscitated Daly

College in November) and to adhere to the Jhansi proposal. It will, I am sure, be a splendid thing to have disposed of all the Chiefs in their own areas before arriving at Calcutta; since His Royal Highness will thus escape all visits and return visits while he is staying with us and can have a relatively easy time.

(5) I also send my private correspondence with Sir A. Fraser which raises several points. Of course Their Royal Highnesses will stay at the Shrubbery, while at Darjeeling. Will they desire the Frasers to be there to receive them, or would they prefer to be alone?

Would the Princess favour a *purdah* party at Belvedere to meet the leading native ladies of the Province? I think that it would be proper.

I will write about the Dufferin Fund later on.

(6) Fraser raises a most important point about addresses on which I should be grateful for orders. I have been proceeding more or less on the assumption that the Prince will not wish to receive addresses from any bodies except the Municipalities in the big cities. But of course wherever he goes, there will be crowds of other bodies, zemindars, planters, &c., who would be only too proud to address him. The danger of allowing this is that if you permit European addresses you cannot refuse Natives. They will try to introduce politics, their addresses will have to be amended or refused; and harm will result. I would therefore advise against any addresses being received; although, if His Royal Highness decides to the contrary, I will adopt every safeguard that I can to avoid undesirable consequences.

Now I turn to your letter of the 18th April. Bikanir should certainly not go round India with the Prince of Wales. It would excite most unfavourable comment. As you know, he is not in the first rank of Chiefs; and it is a very high honour for him to receive a visit at all. Sir Pertab is different because of his age and distinction. You had better talk with Rivaz about a halt in any of the Phulkian States. The matter is one of precedence and prestige.

I am not answering any of the Universities at present. Later on, it will be desirable to send the reply which the Prince has himself suggested, *viz.*, that His Royal Highness will not find it possible to receive more than one degree from an Indian University, and has accordingly selected for the honour the University at the Capital city, Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 68.

To LIEUT.-COLONEL R. H. CHARLES, M.D., F.R.C.S., I.M.S., Professor of Anatomy,
Medical College, Calcutta.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 11th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR CHARLES,

The Viceroy has heard from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that he would like to appoint you to attend upon the Princess

of Wales and himself during their tour in this country. They will arrive at Bombay about November 9th, and will sail from Karachi about March 19th. You would require to be in attendance upon Their Royal Highnesses throughout this period, and would of course have to give up all other engagements and occupations. Will you kindly let me know, for the information of His Excellency, whether you would feel disposed to accept the post? We could then discuss the necessary arrangements at leisure.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 69.

Extract from letter from the Viceroy to H. E. The Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, dated 12th May 1905.

I am quite sure that no address will be expected or desired by the Princess from the Ladies of Bombay. Indeed I have asked the Prince for orders as to whether he or she will accept any addresses beyond those of Municipalities, and I expect that he will reply in the negative.

No. 70.

Extract from letter from the Viceroy to H. H. Sir James LaTouche, K C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces, dated 13th May 1905.

It has occurred to me that on the last of the four days which I have proposed to assign to Agra in my latest amendment of the Prince of Wales' tour recently sent home, it would be a good thing to borrow Scindia's motors, take the Royal party over to Fatehpur Sikri in the morning, give them the day there, and motor them to Bhurtpore, which is their next destination, in the late afternoon.

No. 71.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 16th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I forward a copy of correspondence with Mr. Sarath Kumar Ghosh, who applied to the Viceroy to be appointed to write the official account of His Royal Highness' visit. He has been referred to you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 72.

To SARATH KUMAR GHOSH, Esq.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 16th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 28th April, I am desired to say that your application should be addressed to—

Sir Walter Lawrence,
22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.,

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN,
Private Secy. to the Viceroy.

No. 73.

To THE HON. MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent, Govr.-Genl., Rajputana.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR COLVIN,

In the amended programme which the Viceroy has submitted to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he has proposed the following three days for the Royal visit to Bikanir, *viz.*, November 23rd, 24th, 25th. As all of these are week days, it will be easy to arrange the Gujner shoot as the Maharaja wishes. The Viceroy fears that it will be found impossible to fit in a fourth day.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 73a.

To HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR, G. C. I. E.

Simla, May 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA,

I have mentioned your letter to His Excellency the Viceroy. He is afraid that there is no chance of the Prince of Wales being able to go to a shoot in Assam. The Viceroy suggested the idea to His Royal Highness some time ago: but he was unable to include it in his programme. Similarly, in the short space of eight days during which the Prince will be in Calcutta—and in which there is to be a garden party at Government House—there will be no time for a second function of that description. His Excellency will, however, communicate to His Royal Highness your kind and hospitable

desires, and His Royal Highness will no doubt enjoy many opportunities of meeting you while in Calcutta.

I am, &c.,
(Sd.) S. M. FRASER.

No. 74.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

I have shown to the Viceroy the memorandum on various points connected with the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales contained in your letter of the 26th April, and His Excellency has asked me to make the following replies :—

(1) *Udaipur*.—It will of course be necessary for the return visit to the Maharana to be paid on the same day in view of the alteration in this portion of the tour which the Viceroy has suggested.

(2) *Peshawar*.—The Viceroy will consult Deane later on as to whether His Royal Highness should visit the city and whether he should go up the Khyber beyond Ali Masjid. This must depend on tribal feeling at the time.

(3) *Jammu*.—The Devils dance will be suggested to the Resident, but the Viceroy is doubtful whether there will be sufficient time for this entertainment.

(4) *Gwalior*.—If His Royal Highness stays at Gwalior on the 25th December a Review can be held. This item therefore depends on the decision of His Royal Highness as to whether he will pass the 25th December at Gwalior or Lucknow.

(5) *Lucknow*.—The Viceroy has already arranged with the Lieutenant-Governor that His Royal Highness should see the Mutiny veterans at the Residency.

(6) *Calcutta*.—The Viceroy has already suggested that His Royal Highness should return from Barrackpore on December the 31st.

(7) *Drive through Cantonments*.—There will be no difficulty about this. It is provided for at Peshawar and Lucknow, and it might also be arranged at Bangalore and Quetta.

(8) *Hospitality from the Residents at Hyderabad and Mysore*.—This matter has already been dealt with.

(9) *Dinner at Belvedere*.—The revised programme for Calcutta which the Viceroy has suggested includes a dinner at Belvedere.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 75.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

In reply to yours of April 28th :

- (1) Cobb, who is now at Gwalior, is being asked about Daulat Ram. Weak health may possibly stand in the way of his undertaking a prolonged and exhausting tour.
- (2) A similar reference is being made to Calcutta about Kali Kumar Dey.
- (3) The Home Department are looking into the Police question. I do not know if you are aware that Douglas Straight has in recent years been making a fool of himself with that Mrs. S. whose name used to be unfavourably connected with J. P. H. at Simla.

Charles has accepted with delight the post offered to him.

Barnes wrote a preliminary reply about Burma. But I am waiting to hear from Thirkell White, who will be responsible for the arrangements.

Bigge asked me whether the Prince of Wales should present colours to the 1st Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment at Calcutta. I think this would be very proper if His Royal Highness desires, and it would merely take 20 minutes in the Fort or on the Maidan. But it occurs to me that regiments of which His Royal Highness is Colonel himself, may perhaps expect a similar honour, *i. e.*, if they are receiving new colours at about the same time.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 76.

To THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th May. There will be no Investiture of the Indian Orders by the Prince of Wales, but, wherever the Begum of Bhopal and the Raja of Sailana present their respects to him, His Royal Highness will be doubtless prepared to hand to them the decorations they have received.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

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No. 77.

To C. F. PAYNE, Esq.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 20th, 1905.

[Private.]

DEAR MR. PAYNE,

A case which the Viceroy has just seen, and in which he has sanctioned the construction of an 18-inch unfiltered water-main across the Calcutta Maidan with a view to improving the arrangements for watering the main roads on the Maidan, has reminded His Excellency of a point upon which he had meant to speak to Mr. Greer before he left Calcutta.

This was the provision of watercarts for watering the Maidan roads before the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. There will be a good deal of driving about while the Royal party are in Calcutta, and the Viceroy is rather shocked to think of what they may say when they see a few scattered bhisteers sprinkling precarious drops of water upon piles of dust.

His Excellency hopes very much that the Corporation is contemplating a serious reform in this respect and is convinced that it will be profoundly beneficial to the city.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 78.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

In his letter of the 9th March the Viceroy promised to send you proofs of Gazetteer articles. Burn, the Editor of the Gazetteer, has now supplied proofs or typewritten copies of the articles on all the places included in His Royal Highness's tour programme except Bangalore, Mysore, and Bahawalpur.

I am forwarding them to you by this mail (three copies of each), and at a later date I will send the three remaining articles and printed copies of those articles which are at present typewritten. Most of the articles are advance copies which have not been subjected to final revision.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

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Jaipur	"
Bikanir	"
Lahore	In print.
Peshawar	"
Jammu	"
Delhi	"
Agra	"
Bhurtpore	Typewritten.
Gwalior	...	...	...	...	"
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	In print.
Calcutta	...	...	...	...	"
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	"
Rangoon	...	...	...	...	"
Mandalay	...	...	...	...	"
Madras	"
Trichinopoly	Typewritten.
Hyderabad	"
Aurangabad	"
Benares	In print.
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Cawnpore	"
Simla	"
Quetta	"
Karachi	"

No. 79.

Viceroy to Viceroy, Dublin.

Telegram, 22nd May 1905, 11-30 p. m.

Have you answered my letter 9th March?

No. 80.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy desires me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from the Resident at Mysore containing a proposal that His Royal Highness should unveil the statue of Her Late Majesty the Queen-Empress at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 81.

TO COLONEL H. B. B. WATKIS, Offg. Secy. to Govt., Military Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR WATKIS,

I send an extract from a letter from Sir Walter Lawrence which contains several questions connected with the *Renown*. I shall be very much obliged if you will send me a reply to them as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

(Extract from a letter from Sir Walter Lawrence, K. C. I. E., to His Excellency Lord Curzon, dated the 5th May 1905.)

No. 82.

Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept., to Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay.
Telegram, 23rd May 1905.

No. 492.

Please obtain and wire information urgently on following points in connection with battleship *Renown* which draws 27 feet conveying Prince of Wales. Can she go right up Calcutta without risk? Can she get up to Diamond Harbour or should she anchor at entrance of Hughli, if so where?

Can *Renown* proceed Rangoon or must she lay off at entrance? How far would this be from landing stage? Can she enter breakwater Madras, if not what arrangements can be made for disembarking? Will it be difficult for ladies?

No. 83.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 25th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

We are making enquiries about the depth of water at Calcutta and Rangoon.

Nathan is sending you some further papers. I fear that we cannot obtain Daulat Ram. He is wanted for important work by Scindia, his health is not equal to the strain of five months' incessant movement and worry, and I really think that he is too big a man for such a job. We are looking out for some one else and have our eye on a very competent man.

Drummond, who is acting for Beatson, told me that the Phulkian Imperial Service Troops would be very much disappointed if the Prince of Wales never saw them. They will probably not be at the Delhi manœuvres, since the fortnight's outing would cause great expense, and it is difficult to discriminate between the States. Accordingly Drummond suggested that His Royal Highness might see them in March, on his way to or from Simla, at a place called Chorpur, where apparently the three Phulkian States touch and where there is a good maidan. His train could stop at the nearest station, he could drive out, hold a short parade or review, and thus solve the question of seeing the Phulkian Chiefs—who would all be there—in their own territory. I will speak to Beatson about it. That fat young brute Pudukota is carrying on with an English lady who is believed to be his mistress—at Kodaikanal. He will very likely have to be deprived of the honour of a Royal interview.

I hope to address you about the Burma programme next week.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 84.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR ANDREW,

The Viceroy desires me to send you the accompanying copy of a correspondence between the officiating Chairman of the Calcutta Municipality and myself about the watering of the Maidan roads.

His Excellency thinks that it is quite necessary that arrangements should be made by the authorities concerned to procure a sufficient number of carts for the proper watering of the roads. Will you very kindly cause the matter to be taken up.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Printed copy of letter to Mr. C. F. Payne, dated 20th May 1905.

Copy of letter from Mr. C. F. Payne, dated 23rd May 1905, *re* watering of the Maidan Roads.

No. 85.

To THE HON'BLE MR. E. N. BAKER, C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR BAKER,

The Viceroy desires me to mention to you one point in connection with your note on the expenditure to be incurred by Local Governments on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. You said that the expenditure in question was of two kinds, first, the expenditure that will be incurred on the actual entertainment of Their Royal Highnesses and suite; and, secondly, the expenditure that will be necessary in connection with furniture, table equipment, &c.

It occurs to His Excellency that there is a third class of expenditure which was not taken into account, *viz.*, the public expenditure on street decorations, illuminations and the like. Should not some mention of this be made in the note?

You will see that His Excellency has made two alterations in the draft.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 86.

To L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Private Secy. to Governor of Madras.
„ J. H. DU BOULAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Governor of Bombay.
„ H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to the Lieut.-Governor of United Provinces.
„ A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, Punjab.
„ THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, c. s. i., Chief Commr. and
Agent to the Governor-General, N. W. Frontier Province.
„ D. SHEARME, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, May 30th, 1905.

DEAR { WYNCH,
DU BOULAY,
TYLER,
JELF,
COLONEL DEANE,
SHEARME,

I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to send you the accompanying note which has been drawn up in the Finance Department as to the principles that ought to regulate the expenditure on the forthcoming visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Viceroy hopes to receive permission to publish the main outlines of the tour when it has been finally approved in a few weeks time, and as the dates and duration of each visit will not be definitely known till then, perhaps your official estimate had better be deferred until the notice has appeared.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Expenditure to be incurred by Local Governments in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

From certain communications that have reached the Government of India, it appears probable that misapprehensions exist as to the nature and amount of the expenditure which it will be legitimate and necessary for Local Governments and their Heads to incur in connection with the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the entertainment of Their Royal

Highnesses. In order that these may be removed it is expedient that an expression of the views of the Government of India should be communicated to all Local Governments and administrations.

2. The expenditure in question will be of three kinds. The first of these includes that which will be incurred on the actual entertainment of their Royal Highnesses and suite. In this connection, reference may be made to the following extract from a Despatch No. 425, dated 19th August 1875, from the Secretary of State written with regard to the visit of His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, to India in that year—

“The previous experience of the Duke of Edinburgh’s visit has shown that, upon such occasions, a heavy expenditure is thrown upon officers in high position, who can ill afford to bear it, and yet have no choice but to submit. It does not appear to me equitable that the performance of a public duty should be made the occasion of imposing upon them a severe deduction from their official income.”

3. It has been decided that the principle and precedent established on that occasion shall be followed, and the Government of India will be prepared to sanction a suitable grant to the Head of each province who will have the honour of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses in the ensuing cold weather. The grants to be sanctioned will take the form of a lump addition to the sumptuary allowance, if any, drawn by the Head of the Province concerned; they will be placed at his personal disposal, and will not be subject to audit. The amount of each grant will be determined with reference to the number of days for which Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor as the case may be, and to the entertainments which it may be decided to give during that period, such as receptions, balls, State dinners, and the like. Each Head of Province should be invited to submit an estimate of the probable grant required, together with a statement of the number of days during which the Royal party will be his guests, and of the entertainments which it is proposed to give. The amount to be sanctioned in each case will then be decided by the Governor-General in Council.

4. The second class of expenditure relates to that which will be necessary in connection with the furniture, table equipment, &c., of the various Government Houses at which Their Royal Highnesses will be accommodated as guests of the State during their stay in each Province, and the provision of additional carriages and horses, liveries for servants, and the like. It is in respect of this class of expenditure that there appears to be most room for misapprehension.

5. It must be borne in mind that the party accompanying the Prince of Wales will be comparatively small in number, and that their stay at the head-quarters of each Province will not exceed a very few days in each case. It will therefore, as a rule, be neither necessary nor justifiable to incur heavy expense in refurnishing or re-equipping Government Houses in order to provide for their accommodation. Generally speaking, the Government of India are of opinion that the furniture and fittings required for the apartments to be set apart for the use of the Royal guests and their party should without difficulty be provided from the stock already available. This is more especially the case where considerable additions have recently been made to the furniture and equipment in accordance with the recommendations of the Furniture Committee. The Government of India will not object to the provision of new furniture where it is really required, but the necessity must be clearly established in each case, and it must be shown that it cannot be provided from existing stocks. If in any case, in order to provide suitable accommodation for Their Royal Highnesses, other essential parts of a Government House have to be wholly or partially denuded, it may be necessary to provide for the refurnishing of

the latter. In that event, the Government of India will be prepared to agree to whatever additions may be necessary, it being understood that furniture, &c., will be hired instead of being purchased wherever that course is not open to objection.

6. It is not considered that any material additions to the supply of linen or table equipment can ordinarily be necessary, where these have been maintained on an adequate scale. If this has not been done, the deficiencies should be made good from the ordinary grants sanctioned for the purpose.

7. Special new liveries for servants do not appear to be required. Servants usually receive their yearly liveries in the cold season, and, if necessary, the supply of these can be anticipated by a few weeks, but no additional grant should be required. If extra servants have to be employed, they must no doubt be supplied with liveries, but the number of these should be small. If additional carriages and horses are found to be necessary, the Government of India consider that these should be hired, and not bought outright. This can probably be effected at moderate expense, if timely arrangements are made. In the case of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses to Ajmere, Lahore, Amritsar, Peshawar, Delhi, Agra, and Lucknow, arrangements have already been made with the heads of the local administrations by the Military Secretary to the Viceroy for the loan of carriages; so that in these cases no further action will be required.

8. All grants falling under the second category will be subject to audit in the usual way.

9. The third class of expenditure is that which it may be decided to incur on illuminations, street decoration, and the like, in the principal places which His Royal Highness may visit. As to this, it appears to the Government of India that the decoration and illumination of streets and of private buildings should be left to private enterprise and loyalty, with the assistance of suitable grants of money from Municipal or Local Funds in cases where that course is permitted by law. The decoration and illumination of public buildings in accordance with any plan which may be adopted locally, are, however, a legitimate charge on public funds, and should be debited to Imperial or Provincial revenues according as the buildings, in connection with which the expenditure is incurred, belong to the Government of India or the Local Government. The expenditure on this account should be moderate in amount, but, with this exception, it is unnecessary to lay down any special instructions in regard to it.

10. It is right that substantial uniformity should be maintained in the scale of expenditure to be incurred, due regard being had to the status of the various Provinces and Administrations. The most effective way to secure this end, with proper regard to local needs and without undue interference with the discretion of Local Governments, would appear to be to depute an experienced officer of the Government of India to the head-quarters of each province to consult with the Military Secretary or other representative of the Local Government, and to determine in personal communication with the latter what expenditure is really unavoidable. On receipt of the detailed estimates of each Local Government, which they should submit without delay, the Government of India will be in a better position to judge whether this step is necessary.

11. As regards the incidence of the cost, it has been decided that it shall be determined by the ordinary rules of classification and will for the most part be Provincial. In the opinion of the Government of India, having regard to the great development of Provincial finance since 1875, there is no necessity to depart from the ordinary rule, or to treat these grants specially as Imperial.

No. 87.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

(1) I am replying through the Foreign Office to Aden in the sense of your letter of 11th May.

(2) I am seeing to the nomination of the selected A.-D.-C.'s, and will get the Chief to put forward names for the Honorary A.-D.-C.'s from the other regiments.

(3) I think that you are quite right as to the manner of entry into Native States. The Chief as host should accompany, and sit side by side with, His Royal Highness. At Provincial capitals the Lieutenant-Governor should sit opposite Their Royal Highnesses.

(4) I enclose a brief note showing that we have arranged the Police management on Provincial lines. Stuart will remain at head-quarters in touch with everyone, and the Provincial Inspector-General will everywhere be responsible.

(5) Sir Thirkell White has telegraphed that his reply is on its way. But it has not yet arrived.

(6) In the correspondence this week is a letter from the Bengal Club suggesting either a dinner to the Prince or a Ball to the Prince and Princess. Neither is, I think, possible.

(7) There is also a brief correspondence with Bikanir which explains itself.

(8) The information about the Hugli and Madras shows that we shall have to send Their Royal Highnesses down the river in the *Guide* or some other boat to join the *Renown* at Saugor: but that the *Renown* is all right for Rangoon and Madras.

(9) The invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association at Calcutta will doubtless be refused.

That is all today.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Note on Police arrangements for the tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

(87)

No. 88.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 1st, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy desires me to send the enclosed copy of a letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, who asks whether His Royal Highness will consent to accept an address from the University. You will no doubt take the orders of His Royal Highness on this request and inform us in due course.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., dated 22nd May 1905, enclosing a letter from the Vice-Chancellor, Bombay University.

No. 89.

TO J. B. BRUNYATE, Esq., Offg. Deputy Secy. to Govt., Home Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR BRUNYATE,

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles, Professor of Surgery, Medical College, Calcutta, has been appointed to attend upon Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales during their tour in this country. It has been suggested that whilst he is performing this duty Dr. Charles should receive the pay of his present appointment, namely, Rs. 1,500 a month. Will you please let me know whether the Home and Finance Departments agree to this?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 90.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR TYLER,

In reply to your letter of the 30th May addressed to the Military Secretary, I am desired to say that intimation will be sent to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor directly the details of His Royal Highness's tour are settled and His Excellency is authorised to announce them.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 91.

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To THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

No. 581-M., dated Simla, June 3rd, 1905.

SIR,

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has expressed to the Viceroy a desire that the following officers should be appointed temporarily to his staff while in India. They all belong to the "Prince of Wales' Regiments":—

- (1) Major Charles Campbell, 11th Lancers.
- (2) Major H. D. Watson, 2nd Gurkhas.
- (3) Major R. E. Grimston, 6th Cavalry.

These officers will accompany His Royal Highness throughout his tour or for such part of it as their services may be required.

In addition, His Royal Highness has asked the Viceroy to appoint Honorary Aides-de-Camp to him from the following regiments;—

1st Bengal Lancers.
Royal Fusiliers.
Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
King's Royal Rifles.

These Aides-de-Camp will only be on duty when sent for. His Excellency the Viceroy will be obliged if His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will submit to him a list of suitable officers from those regiments for selection.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) A. H. M. EDWARDS, *Colonel,*
Military Secretary to the Viceroy.

No. 92.

TO THE RIGHT HON'BLE LORD KNOLLYS, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., K. C. M. G., Private
Secretary to the King-Emperor.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 8th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR KNOLLYS,

There are one or two points in connection with the Prince of Wales' visit upon which I respectfully solicit orders from the King.

I understand that as Viceroy I shall continue to represent His Majesty, as I did at the Delhi Durbar and as Lord Northbrook did during the King's own visit in 1875-6. The presence of the Princess of Wales, however, makes things rather different on the present occasion; and, with the Heir to the Throne as my guest, I am most anxious in every way to put myself in the background during the Royal visit.

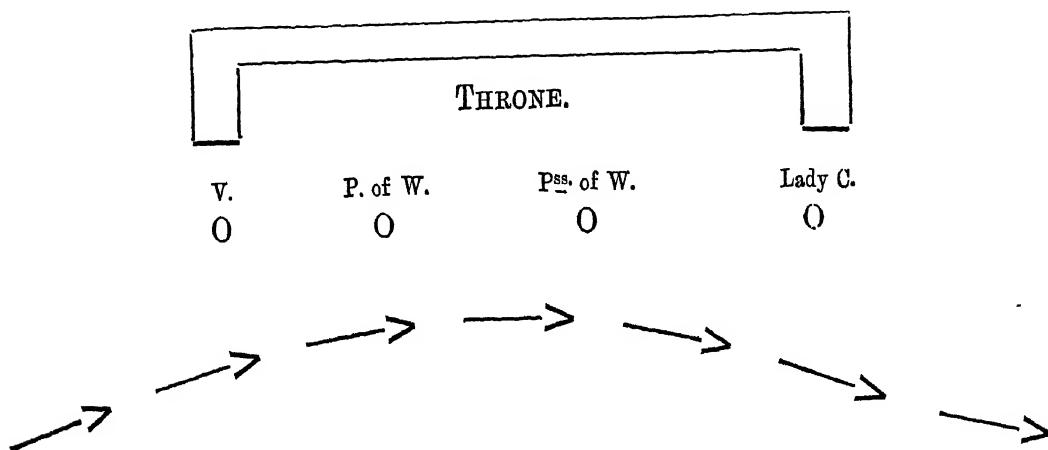
I am glad to say that His Royal Highness has approved of my suggestion that I should not take part in the procession at Bombay, so that Their Royal Highnesses may drive together through the city, as I am sure that everybody will wish them to do.

At Calcutta I propose that they should arrive in the same way, and that I should welcome them on the steps of Government House, as Lord Northbrook did the King.

But there are three ceremonies at Calcutta about which I am not quite clear—

(1) *The Levée*.—I understand that the Prince of Wales will hold this, as seems to me to be right: and that I should be absent as Lord Northbrook was from the King's Levée in the same place.

(2) *The Drawing Room*.—In the Programmes we are told that this will be held by the Princess of Wales. I imagine, however, that the Prince will stand on her right hand. Are Lady Curzon and I expected to be present? If so, I presume that we should stand as follows:—



This, I believe, is what is done at Dublin. Should the Prince and Princess desire, however, to hold the Drawing Room alone, Lady Curzon and I could absent ourselves.

(3) *Proclamation Parade*.—This is held on the Maidan on the morning of 1st January. The Viceroy, if present, has to take the salute as I did at Delhi. I would far rather that His Royal Highness took the salute and shall be quite ready to stay away.

On all other occasions when drives or arrivals have to take place, I will follow whatever directions Their Royal Highnesses may like to give at the moment. The three that I have named are the only ceremonial functions about which it seems to me desirable that clear instructions should be given.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 93.

To SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I enclose the Burma correspondence with the following observations upon it:—

(1) It will never do to have the crowd of addresses that I did at Rangoon. I am awaiting the orders of the Prince upon addresses in general. I presume

that in addition to Municipalities His Royal Highness would not object to receive an address at Madras, Rangoon, or elsewhere, from the entire community, or the native community: but that he will not select individual bodies or societies—other than Municipalities—for the honour. I fancy that they are arranging for a public address at Madras; but I have not yet been in a position to issue any orders on the subject.

(2) At Rangoon the illumination of the Lakes is worth a million balls; and the latter will of course be dispensed with.

(3) Certainly Their Royal Highnesses should see some first-rate *pues* on the night that they spend in Mandalay. You remember how pretty they are.

(4) The Kheddah seems out of the question. They are arranging one in Mysore.

(5) Similarly I think it hardly likely that Their Royal Highnesses will be able to give the extra day to the trip to Myitkyina. No doubt the gorges are very fine, but some things must be missed. I should be inclined to advise adherence to the tranquil river journey that we took *viâ* Pagan and Prome. If His Royal Highness desired a snipe shoot, and there were a day to spare, this could be put in—or a duck shoot. But neither of these is reliable.

(6) I should have thought that the Northern Shan Chiefs should come to Mandalay and be presented on the occasion of the boat races. Thirkell White seems to imply that they will all go to Rangoon, which would, I think, be a mistake.

The Foreign Department is working at arrangements for the Press representatives.

I am telling Charles to get a Native Hospital Assistant to look after his dispensary and the Native servants.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 94.

To COLONEL H. I. W. HAMILTON, D. S. O., Military Secy. to His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 10th, 1905.

DEAR HAMILTON,

Colonel Edwards wrote to you the other day to mention the names of the officers whom the Prince of Wales desired to have placed on his personal staff while he is in India.

In addition to these a desire has been expressed by His Royal Highness that Captain Wigram, 18th Tiwana Lancers, should be appointed as Personal Assistant to Sir W. Lawrence with the rank of an Aid-de-Camp. His Excellency the Viceroy will be glad if His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief can make arrangements to this effect. Captain Wigram is now on leave in England.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 95.

To H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I have now heard from the Prince of Wales about the Bombay programme, and Lawrence is also writing to you. In future the correspondence can be conducted between you and him. The points that emerge from the letters to me are the following :

(1) His Royal Highness feels that your programme would prove too exacting, and is anxious not to exhaust himself at the beginning of his tour.

(2) He will not land at Aden, either coming or going.

(3) He accepts landing at Bombay on the afternoon of November 9th and the other arrangements (private dinner, &c.,) proposed by me. I should leave by train at midnight.

(4) He suggests that you should "drive on some time in advance from the Bunder to receive him at Government House." From this I gather that the Prince does not contemplate the extensive procession with Governor, Councillors, Judges, and officials galore, who accompanied the present King in 1875. I think his idea is that of a procession more like the Viceroy's entry. I shall not be with him, having retired to the Admiral's House. Nor will you, having gone on to Malabar Point in advance. There will, therefore, be no need for the remainder; and Their Royal Highnesses will drive together with their suite which will constitute the entire party.

(5) As regards Chiefs, His Royal Highness is anxious to reduce the number as much as possible, and proposes that no minor or chief who can be excused on grounds of health or expense, or whose conduct or morals are under suspicion, should be summoned.

(6) His Royal Highness is rather alarmed at the idea of returning as many as 7 visits in a single morning, and wonders whether the Secretariat arrangement would still be possible, or, if not, whether a large camp could be pitched. I doubt the feasibility of this in Bombay. But would it be possible for the Chiefs to be all lodged in some quarter of the city near to each other, so as to avoid the delays of long drives?

(7) The Prince would like a Political Officer from your Political Department to be selected for the performance of the ceremonial duties connected with visits—in order to avoid the necessity of our having to depute an officer from our Political Department.

(8) The Prince decides against—

- (a) address from Chamber of Commerce ;
- (b) Municipal banquet ;
- (c) any Ball.

(9) He will lay the foundation stone of the New Museum.

(10) He has decided not to have any Drawing Room, but will hold receptions instead.

(11) He objects to the levée in the afternoon, and would prefer to hold it at night at Government House.

(12) Colonel Olivier was responsible for the suggestion about the shoot at Kaira (snipe or quail). His Royal Highness would like to adhere to this, if possible, and does not care to visit Ahmedabad. If he is engaged in shooting, the Princess will spend an hour or two there.

(13) Their Royal Highnesses will not visit Poona.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 96.

To L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Private Secretary to the Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR WYNCH,

Final orders have not yet been issued about the visit of the Prince of Wales to Madras, but His Royal Highness has intimated that he does not propose to hold a Drawing Room and would prefer instead to have a reception of both sexes for himself and the Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 96a.

FROM E. V. GABRIEL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Dept.,
TO THE HON'BLE MR. F. C. GATES, Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Burma.

Simla, June 14th, 1905.

I am desired to say in reply to your letter No. 266T.—2 M.-21 of the 20th ultimo that no memorials of the character that you speak of will be received by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales during their forthcoming visit to Burma. The wishes of His Royal Highness have been sought as to the nature of the congratulatory or complimentary addresses which he may be willing to receive, and official instructions on the subject will be issued shortly.

No. 97.

TO H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G., Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Royal Highness's two gracious letters about the programme for your tour. I am glad that some of the proposals which I have made have commended themselves to Your Royal Highness. As regards the remainder, I have issued orders to my officers in the sense of your decisions, and the earlier part of the tour may now be regarded as definitely settled.

I am consulting Lamington about the Bombay Chiefs. I am afraid that the Secretariat plan would give offence. But it may be possible to effect some other plan of grouping, or at least to get them near to each other. These ceremonial visits are soon over, and I can assure Your Royal Highness that half a dozen in succession involve little strain.

All the invitations to Your Royal Highness from Native Chiefs whom you will be unable to visit, are being forwarded through the India Office. Doubtless the latter will have a form of words in which they will reply to these individually.

I will find out about the duck-shooting in March. If the birds are still in, Sind is likely to provide much better sport than Bahawalpur. I went to the latter's best shoot, and it was a very poor affair. In Sind the duck-shooting is magnificent.

I am making enquiries as to a present at the Golden Temple, Amritsar.

On all other points, I am writing or will write to Lawrence, and I need not trouble Your Royal Highness.

With renewed and respectful thanks for your kind consideration,

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's faithful and
obedient servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 98.

To H. H. SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

DEAR SIR JAMES LATOUCHE,

I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has now definitely fixed the dates of his tour, and that he will be at Agra from December 16th to 19th, and at Lucknow from December 26th to 28th. At the former place he will receive the Central India Chiefs who will be in camp there. At Lucknow he will receive your United Provinces Chiefs.

His Royal Highness will also accept an entertainment and illumination if offered to him by the Talukdars.

His Royal Highness rather likes the idea of a motor drive to Fatehpur-Sikri, and from there to Bhurtpore on his last day at Agra, *viz.*, December 19th. Perhaps you will advise further about this.

Orders will be received about Cawnpore and Benares later on.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 99.

To H. H. SIR DENZIL IBBETSON, K. C. S. I., Offg. Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

DEAR SIR DENZIL IBBETSON,

His Excellency the Viceroy has now received further orders about the tour of the Prince of Wales, and desires me to communicate to you the following points with regard to the Punjab:—

(1) The dates of the Royal visit will be—

Lahore November 28th—December 1st.

Amritsar (*en route* to Delhi) ... December 7th.

Delhi (in camp with Lieutenant-Governor)

December 7th—10th.

In camp with the Commander-in-Chief—for this the Lieutenant-Governor will have no respon-

sibility—approximately ... December 11th—15th.

(2) Orders about the Prince's visit to Simla or other places in the Punjab in March 1906 will be issued later on.

(3) His Royal Highness will exchange visits at Lahore with the 8 Punjab Chiefs alluded to in Sir C. Rivaz's letter of March 28th. The remaining five who are not entitled to return visits could present their respects at Delhi.

(4) Their Royal Highnesses accept the ball offered to them in the Montgomery Hall.

(5) During his visit to Amritsar His Royal Highness will drive to the Khalsa College as requested by Sir C. Rivaz.

(6) His Royal Highness has asked whether he should present a gift to the Golden Temple at Amritsar. The Viceroy is in the habit of making rather a handsome money offering when he goes; and the Prince is doubtless enquiring upon this analogy. Can you advise His Excellency what reply to give?

(7) Generally speaking, His Royal Highness is anxious to cut down his exchange of visits with the Chiefs as much as possible, and is prepared accordingly to dispense with them in the case of Chiefs who are minors, impoverished, or for any reason in disgrace. It would be a convenience in Lahore if the 8 Chiefs, whether in camp or in residence, were at no great distance from each other.

(8) It is not proposed to depute an officer from the Foreign Department to conduct the ceremonial duties. Each Local Government or Agent to the Governor-General is being asked to select an officer for this purpose in its own territories. If you have no officer who knows the forms, perhaps we might lend you one for Lahore.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 100.

To THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

The Viceroy has now heard from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with regard to the Central India arrangements for his tour, and I am to communicate the following to you:—

(1) His Royal Highness would prefer to dispense with the day at Jhansi, and to see the whole of the Central India Chiefs, or such of them as it is necessary for him to see, at Agra. This course has been recommended to him by Sir D. Barr.

(2) His Royal Highness desires to keep down the list as much as possible. He wishes to excuse all Chiefs who are minors, or impoverished, or in disgrace. He asks if it would not be sufficient to see the following Central India Chiefs at Agra—*viz.*, Bhopal, Rewa, Orcha, Datia, and Charkhari. (He will meet Scindia later on at Gwalior). His Royal Highness further thinks that Rutlam and Jaora might go to Calcutta with the Cadet Corps who are to be there to escort His Royal Highness, and for the opening of the Victoria Memorial Hall. His Excellency, who thinks this suggestion a good one, is repeating it to Colvin in respect of Kishengarh and Dholpur. His Excellency presumes that your Chiefs will go into camp on the big maidan at Agra.

(3) It will be desirable that you should select from your Political Officers one to conduct the ceremonial duties ordinarily performed by an officer from the Foreign Department. It is proposed to dispense with the latter.

(4) The dates of the Royal visit will now be—

Agra (approximately)	...	December 16th—19th.
Gwalior	...	„ 21st—25th.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 101.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-Genl., Rajputana,
and Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR COLVIN,

Please refer to Martindale's letter to me of 30th March about the Prince of Wales's visit.

The Viceroy sent this home for perusal by His Royal Highness; and the latter has now passed the following orders upon it:—

(1) His Royal Highness would still prefer, if possible, to meet the whole of the Rajputana Chiefs (except Udaipur, Jaipur, and Bikanir, who are entertaining him separately) at Ajmer. The Agra plan should therefore, if possible, be abandoned.

(2) But in order to reduce the numbers His Royal Highness is anxious everywhere to excuse minors, impoverished Chiefs or Chiefs who are in disgrace.

(3) By way of reducing the number of Chiefs at Ajmer, His Excellency thinks that Kishengarh and Dholpur might very well go to Calcutta instead with the Cadet Corps in January. It is very desirable that the Corps should muster in strength as an escort to His Royal Highness and for the opening of the Victoria Memorial Hall. The same arrangement is being proposed to Daly in respect of Jaora and Rutlam.

(4) The presence of so many Chiefs at Ajmer will necessarily bring in a large number of political officers for the proposed dinner. The remainder need not be summoned.

(5) It will be desirable to select one of your officers to perform the ceremonial duties usually undertaken by a representative of the Foreign Office, since it is not proposed to depute one of the latter class.

(6) His Royal Highness has graciously consented to lay the foundation stone of the new wing of the Mayo College.

(7) His Royal Highness proposes to adhere to the original programme as regards dates, which was given in my letter to Martindale of 20th March, *i. e.*, he will be at—

Ajmer	...	...	November 16th-17th
Udaipur	...	...	„ 18th—20th
Jaipur	...	...	„ 21st—24th
Bikanir	...	...	„ 25th—27th
Bhurlpore	...	...	December 20th-21st

(8) The above plan cancels my letter to you of 16th May about the arrangements in Bikanir. The Royal party will have to drive out to Gujner on the afternoon of the 26th and to return after the shoot on the 27th.

(9) The Prince would like to have the second morning's duck-shoot on December 21st at Bhurlpore. He has decided against the tiger shoot at Biana.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 102.

To THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, c. s. i., Chief Commissioner
and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

DEAR COLONEL DEANE,

His Excellency the Viceroy has now heard from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with regard to the final settlement

of his projected tour ; and the points upon which a decision has been arrived at in respect of Peshawar are the following :—

(1) Their Royal Highnesses will curtail their visit to 3 days which will be December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

(2) His Royal Highness will receive the joint address as proposed by you.

(3) His Royal Highness will not hold a Levée. He prefers a joint reception of both sexes for the Princess and himself.

(4) There is of course no objection to holding the State Dinner in a tent if your Dining Room is not sufficiently large.

(5) You have already heard from me upon the question of cost and funds.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 103.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I send you this week the orders that I have issued upon the earlier part of the tour as settled by the Prince of Wales.

You will see that I have accepted your plan of separate Political Officers in different parts. If anywhere they want assistance from head-quarters we will send down a man from the Foreign Office. The only weak point of this plan is that the local men are not always acquainted with ceremonial procedure, and that they allow the little points to go wrong. You will have to keep an eye upon them.

I have for long been thinking about the official photographer. At first I thought of dividing the tour into sections :—

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|--------------------------|-----|--|
| (1) Bombay to Lahore | ... | Deen Dayal. |
| (2) Lahore to Calcutta | ... | Bourne & Shepherd, and Johnston
& Hoffmann. |
| (3) Burma | ... | The local man. |
| (4) Madras and the South | ... | Wiele & Kleine. |

But this would leave out many excellent firms, such as Lawrie, Herzog & Higgins, &c., and would probably give more offence than satisfaction. Moreover, nothing can prevent the unauthorised photographers from accompanying the party everywhere and firing off on every conceivable occasion. Finally no requests have yet reached me on the subject. My inclination, therefore, is to do nothing, but to inform the various firms, should they apply later on, that all reasonable facilities will be accorded to them, but that they must make their own arrangements. Each firm will then doubtless make up its own album of the Royal Tour, and you will be able to make a selection from them all, as we did for the Delhi Durbar.

By the time you receive this, I shall have received His Royal Highness's decision about the second part of his tour. I should then like to publish in the newspapers here a rough outline of the tour as far as fixed. It will indeed be indispensable to do so; since enquiries are beginning to come in, and at present no public announcement of any sort has been made. Will you, therefore, upon receipt of this, if His Royal Highness agrees, get the India Office to telegraph to me the single word "Publish." The announcement made will be like that with which you are familiar in the case of Viceregal tours.

You will have seen that we have anticipated your suggestion about Aziz-ud-din.

The old Treasurer with the present King has been pronounced too old, and we are looking out for another.

Similarly we are still on the search for a baggage master.

We have decided to give Charles the same pay—I think it is Rs. 1,500 a month—that he is now receiving. He would of course have taken it for nothing.

I shall have some difficulty in settling everything about Bhurtpore. Stratton had to be taken away in the main because of disgraceful abuse of the State easements. Now Fagan, who succeeded him, has given rise to much local scandal by alleged indiscreet conduct with the opposite sex, and I shall have to remove him also. To be in power in a small but rather rich State during a minority is a temptation to which many succumb.

Would the following procedure do at the various State Banquets:—

(1) "The King-Emperor" proposed in a word by the host.

(2) "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" similarly proposed.
No reply.

I could easily make this known privately if His Royal Highness does not wish to be bored with unnecessary speeches.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 104.

To A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR JELF,

I send the following:—

- (a) Two copies of my letter to Sir Denzil Ibbetson of the 15th June.
- (b) One copy of Sir Charles Rivaz's letter to the Viceroy of the 28th March.
- (c) One copy of His Excellency's letter to Sir Charles Rivaz of the 20th March.

The last letter will give you the names of the 8 and 5 Chiefs respectively, to whom you allude.

The arrangements for the tour are still kept confidential; they will be announced as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 105.

To H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G., Marlborough House, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Royal Highness's gracious letter of June 2nd, and to say that steps are already being taken to carry out the orders contained therein.

There are only one or two points upon which I need trouble Your Royal Highness, having written upon all others to Lawrence.

(1) Lord Kitchener will certainly hope to have the honour of entertaining the Princess as well as Your Royal Highness on January 5th.

(2) I will make enquiries about the Pinjore suggestion. I know the place only by reputation.

(3) I will bear in mind Your Royal Highness's desire to see Hospitals, and will arrange accordingly.

All the 'main points are now fixed : and I hope that General Beatson on his return will make himself responsible for the remainder. The great desideratum now is a good monsoon, so that the people may be happy and flourishing.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's faithful and obedient servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 106.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

The only points for this week are the following :—

(1) I forward an invitation from the Madras Club to a Ball. Amptill advises refusal, and I concur with him. You will doubtless reply to Amptill.

(2) I believe that a second train will invariably either follow or precede that of the Prince and Princess. But with your large party I doubt there being any room for Pressmen in it. Moreover, they will want to describe arrival, not to crawl into a station when the arrival is over. We shall probably be able to do something about accommodation. I will enquire concerning fares.

(3) I will endeavour to find a formula for permissible addresses other than those from Municipalities. My inclination is (1) to exclude bodies or associations (otherwise the Congress and all sorts of *Sabhas* will endeavour to get in); and to admit only communities, and that in cases where they can claim successfully not to have been represented by the Municipalities; (2) to confine addresses to localities visited by the Prince : in other words, to exclude all those which would otherwise come pouring in from distant or outlying places.

(4) It would never do for His Royal Highness to shake hands at a Levée, either with the Private Entrée or with the crowd. In the former case invidious comparisons would be suggested in the practice of the Viceroy. In the latter the Prince would have to shake hands with scores of relatively low class Natives who would not be accorded the compliment even by a Chief Commissioner. I think it indispensable to keep up the forms as regards Levées.

(5) What do Their Royal Highnesses wish done at the receptions? Are the men who have already defiled at the Levée to go by again with their ladies, and will there be hand-shaking on this occasion? If so, as you well know, there will be some 2,000 people at Calcutta, and the Native question will again arise.

Moreover, the function would take nearly two hours, if the names are given. There seems to me to be two alternatives: (a) the Bombay-Madras fashion—*viz.*, that the names are read out, male and female, Native and European, and that everyone files by as quickly as possible, bows, is bowed to, and disappears. This is inexpressibly tedious, but is effective; (b) that the Prince and Princess should stand upon a dais, and that a list of 200 or more persons should be prepared in advance, who should be brought up and presented, and should have the honour of shaking hands.

At Calcutta this would seem to be the better plan, the more so as His Royal Highness would already have met and conversed with the principal men, both European and Native, after the State Banquet.

(6) I am enquiring about the conditions of the Prince's Race at Calcutta, and will let you know.

(7) Captain Cadogan will be added to the Honorary A.-D.-C's.

(8) Copies of the description of the Chiefs—brought up to date—will be sent to you later on. Ditto of the Natives to be accorded the honour of an interview.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 106a.

Viceroy to Governor of Madras, Ootacamund.

* Telegram, 23rd June 1905, 10-30 p. m.

Is there not some idea of an address to Prince of Wales other than from Municipality of Madras? The Prince has asked me closely to restrict number of addresses; and I expect that orders on the subject will be required.

No. 107.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 23rd, 1905.

FOREIGN SECRETARY,

A suggestion has been made, with the knowledge of His Majesty the King, that the rank of Major-General should be given to Brigadier-General Beatson at any rate during the Royal visit, which he is going to manage for the Prince and Princess of Wales. This seems to me a very reasonable suggestion. Will Foreign Department kindly consider the way in which effect should be given to it?

C.

No. 108.

To H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

The following further orders have been received in connection with the Royal visit:—

(1) The Princess would like a purdah party at Bombay.

(2) Their Royal Highnesses regret to have no time to visit hospitals at Bombay.

(3) The original arrangements as to Karachi are to stand, *i. e.*, March 17th to 19th, 1906. The Prince suggests inspecting the Karachi harbour and defences on the morning that he sails, *viz.*, March 19th.

(4) On the way down from Simla in the second week of March, His Royal Highness would like to put in a shoot somewhere if the duck are still in the country. The choice lies between Bahawalpur (which is not good at any time) and some place in Sind. Will the birds still be in at that time, and, if so, could some good place near the railway, such as Larkana, be reserved?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 109.

To H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR AMPHILL,

I have heard from the Prince of Wales as follows:—

“We approve of the programme for Madras for the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th of January. But when we leave Madras on the night of the 28th we wish to go straight to Bangalore. We are sorry not to visit Tanjore or Trichinopoly, but we wish to avoid the tiring journey in the heat, and as we have long distances ahead, we must avoid the excursion to the South. We trust that this decision will not cause great disappointment.”

This is just what I am afraid it will do, both to you and your people. However, the decision has been given.

The Princess would like a Gosha party at Madras, and proposes also to visit the Dufferin Hospital.

Any further correspondence about the details of the visit had now, I think, better be conducted either between yourself and Sir W. Lawrence (22, Sloane Gardens, S. W.), or with General Stuart Beatson who is returning this week, and will henceforward be responsible for arrangements. His address will be Foreign Department.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 110.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Govr. of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

I have now received further orders concerning the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and hasten to inform you of their purport before your meeting on July 1st.

The general arrangements at Calcutta will be as follows :—

December 29th	...	Arrival. Municipal address, and presentation of jewel in Throne Room at Government House. Small dinner at Government House. Levéé.
„ 30th	...	Races. Dinner at Belvedere.
„ 31st	...	Attend Cathedral service in morning. Proceed to Barrackpore. Return in evening.
January 1st, 1906	...	Proclamation Parade. Prince of Wales attends University Convocation in afternoon. Princess of Wales attends Purdah party at Belvedere. State Banquet (men) at Government House.
„ 2nd	...	Reception (in place of Drawing-Room) at Government House.

January 3rd	...	Garden Party at Government House. Drive through City after dinner to see illuminations.
„ 4th	...	Possible shoot. Dinner at Government House.
„ 5th	...	Foundation Stone of Victoria Hall. Dinner with Commander-in-Chief.
„ 6th—8th	...	Darjeeling.
„ 9th	...	State Ball.
„ 10th	...	Departure.

I hope to receive permission to publish these dates and details before long ; but for the present I have not obtained it. Your dinner at Belvedere will of course be to Their Royal Highnesses and party.

Lady Curzon and myself will not be invited.

At Darjeeling Their Royal Highnesses express a desire for complete rest. They will gladly accept the hospitality of the Shrubbery. But they do not wish Lady Fraser or yourself to put yourselves to the trouble of going there to receive or to entertain them. The Deputy Commissioner will receive Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of the Local Government, and you will of course send your servants to the Shrubbery.

The Princess of Wales would like to see the Dufferin Hospital at Calcutta, and the Prince will hope to find time for a visit to the new Presidency Hospital.

As regards the Purdah party at Belvedere, Lawrence has written as follows :—

“It has been suggested that at the Purdah party there might be a number of Indian children, and that the agency of the Mahakali Pathshala and the Mataji Maharani Topaswami would make the function a great success. I remember that Her Excellency once presided at this Pathshala, and was favourably impressed.”

In one of your earlier letters you mentioned a special fête for the Dufferin Hospital. I doubt there being time for this. Nor do I see when a Royal visit to witness fireworks on the Race course is to be fitted in. The fireworks might, however, take place, if desired.

The question of addresses is a very important and difficult one. His Royal Highness is anxious that I should restrict these as much as possible, and confine them to Municipalities if this can be done. I shall probably have to issue orders on the subject before long. In the meantime you will understand that addresses generally should be discouraged.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 111.

To H. H. SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Govr. of the United Provinces and Agra.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR JAMES,

I have now received the following further orders about the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales:—

(1) His Royal Highness has dropped the visit to Cawnpore altogether, either in December or February.

(2) His Royal Highness will only see the sights at Benares, and has abandoned the idea of a shoot with the Maharaja, preferring to give the extra time to Nepal.

(3) It is possible that the Princess may return for a while to the Circuit House at Agra, while His Royal Highness is in camp in Nepal.

(4) The Princess would like to visit the Dufferin Hospital at Agra.

All future communications about the tour had better be addressed to General Beatson (Foreign Department) who is returning to India to assume charge.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 112.

To A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR JELF,

I am to communicate the following further orders with regard to the Royal visit:—

The Princess of Wales would like to have a purdah party at Government House, Lahore, and to visit the Dufferin Hospital, both there and at Delhi.

It is possible that the Princess may return for a while to the Circuit House at Delhi, while the Prince is shooting in Nepal in February 1906.

All further communications about details of the tour had better be addressed to General Beatson (Foreign Department) who is returning to India to assume charge.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 113.

To THE HON'BLE MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C.I.E., Offg. Agent to the Govr.-General in Baluchistan.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

DEAR MR. TUCKER,

Pending other arrangements it has not been possible hitherto to write to you definitely about the proposed visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Quetta in the spring of next year.

The following are the dates now arranged :—

March 12th	...	...	...	Public arrival (from the Punjab). Municipal address. Quiet day. Private Dinner at Residency.
,, 13th	...	...	...	Receive Baluch Chiefs in morning. Garden party in afternoon. Official Dinner and reception (both sexes).
,, 14th	...	...	...	Return visit to Khan (if this be recommended). Inspection of troops with General in afternoon.
,, 15th	...	...	...	Visit Chaman.
,, 16th	...	...	...	Leave for Karachi.

The Prince will probably also desire to visit the Military Hospital.

Will you kindly consider the above proposals, and let me know, for the information of the Viceroy, whether you think them feasible and proper?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 114.

To THE HON'BLE MR. C. S. BAYLEY, C. S. I., Resident at Hyderabad.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

DEAR BAYLEY,

Orders have now been received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the following points :—

His Royal Highness will have pleasure in seeing the Imperial Service Troops while at Hyderabad.

The Princess has expressed a desire to have a purdah party (if this can be suitably arranged), and also, if time allows, to see the Dufferin Hospital.

Their Royal Highnesses will also have pleasure in accepting your invitation to a meal at the Residency.

You should address all further communications on the subject of the Royal visit to General Stuart Beatson (Foreign Department) who is returning to India to assume charge of the arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 115.

To THE HON'BLE MR. A. WILLIAMS, Offg. Resident in Mysore.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 24th, 1905.

DEAR WILLIAMS,

I am to inform you that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have now decided to leave Madras on the night of January 28th, 1906, and to proceed without halting to Bangalore. This will give two days more to their visit to the Mysore State.

His Royal Highness will also welcome an opportunity of seeing the Imperial Service Troops while in Bangalore. He further hopes to visit the Military Hospital in the Civil and Military Station there.

You should address all further communications about the Royal visit to General Stuart Beatson (Foreign Department) who is about to return to India, and to assume charge of the arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 116.

R.

Viceroy to Governor of Madras, Ootacamund.

Telegram, 25th June 1905, 8-15 a. m.

Idea mentioned in your letter of June 16th is, I am afraid, inconsistent with rules about presents which have been laid down, and which it is necessary to observe.

No. 117.

To THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, c. s. i., Chief Commissioner
and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 25th, 1905.

DEAR COLONEL DEANE,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd June, the Viceroy desires me to say that the State Dinner will evidently have to be fixed for the 2nd December.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 118.

To S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 25th, 1905.

MY DEAR FRASER,

1. I send a list* of Chiefs who may be seen by the Prince of Wales. Will you, as far as possible, please send me three copies of the Foreign Department note on each?

2. I enclose a copy of a letter† (B) from Sir W. Lawrence about Press arrangements. The Viceroy will be glad if you will advise on it. I am to remark as follows:—

(a) The second train will probably be so full of the suite as to leave no room for correspondents. Also, correspondents want to be present at the arrival, and a train running behind the Prince's would probably not suit them.

(b) The Viceroy thinks it doubtful whether special concessions should be given in the matter of fares. But the proposal may be examined in the light of precedents.

(c) You are already considering the matter of lodgings.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Not printed.

† 2nd June 1905.

No. 119.

R.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay, Ganeshkhind.

P * Telegram, 26th June 1905, 12 noon.

My request to you to approach Idar was contained in concluding paragraph of my letter of April 28th, which I think you received, because you afterwards referred to it. If your copy is mislaid, I will send another.

No. 120.

R.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22 Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

Your letter of the 7th June crossed mine of the 22nd May, in which I informed you that I was sending to you three copies each of a number of Gazetteer articles. I will see that Burn supplies printed copies of the type-written articles in due course.

I shall be very pleased to do my best to secure for you two good native clerks, and I will bear in mind the qualifications which you mention.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 121.

TO H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

DEAR SIR HERBERT WHITE,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th June regarding the cost of a Khedda. It is, however, unlikely that His Royal Highness will be able to spare the time to witness a Khedda in Burma.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) R. NATHAN.

No. 122.

To H. H. SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

DEAR SIR JAMES,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 24th June forwarding an invitation from Maharaja Bhagwati Prasad Singh of Balrampur to show Khedda operations to the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Viceroy desires me to say that the arrangements made for the tour will, unfortunately, not allow of Their Royal Highnesses accepting this invitation. Will you therefore please address the Maharaja as you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 123.

To THE HON. MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

In reply to your letter of the 21st June, I am desired to say that you may communicate at once the Cadet Corps proposal to Rutlam and Jaora.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 124.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Baluchistan.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

DEAR MR. TUCKER,

I am desired to send you a copy of a circular letter relating to expenditure in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter, dated 30th May 1905, from Private Secretary to Viceroy to Messrs. Wynch, DuBoulay, Tyler, Jelf, Shearme, and Lieut.-Colonel Deane.

No. 125.

FROM COLONEL A. H. M. EDWARDS, C. B., M. V. O., Mily. Secy. to H. E. the Viceroy, to
COLONEL H. I. W. HAMILTON, D.S.O., A.D.C., Mily. Secy. to H. E. the Commander
in-Chief in India.

Simla, June 26th, 1905.

SIR,

In continuation of my No. 581-M., dated the 3rd June 1905, I have the honour to intimate that the Viceroy has heard from His Royal Highness

the Prince of Wales that he also desires that Captain Hon'ble W. G. Cadogan, 10th Hussars, should be appointed an Honorary A.-D.-C. on His Royal Highness's Staff, while in India, and that the King has arranged this with Colonel Kavanagh.

Will you kindly solicit the necessary orders from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief?

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) A. H. M. EDWARDS, *Colonel,*

Military Secretary to the Viceroy.

No. 126.

FROM COL. A. H. M. EDWARDS, Mily. Secy. to the Viceroy, to THE SECRETARY,
Calcutta Turf Club.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

The Prince of Wales has written to the Viceroy to enquire what are the conditions of the Race for which he has promised to give a Cup at Calcutta on December 30th. Can you kindly inform me?

Yours truly,

(Sd.) A. H. M. EDWARDS, *Col.,*

Military Secretary to the Viceroy.

No. 127.

To W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr. of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR GOURLAY,

I am desired to say that His Excellency the Viceroy agrees with His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that it is not necessary for the Howrah Municipality to present an address to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 128.

To H. A. STUART, Esq., c. s. i., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, June 28th, 1905.

MY DEAR STUART,

The Prince of Wales has left the question of the receipt of addresses to the Viceroy, and His Excellency is disposed to issue the following orders. Do you think that they will do?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

P. S.—I send the Foreign Department file on the subject.

Draft Orders.

(1) It is the desire of His Royal Highness to receive as few addresses as possible while in India, and to confine these, except for special reasons to the contrary, to the Municipalities of the great cities which he will visit. Exception will only be made in rare cases, such as the Talukdars of Oudh, which should be referred for orders by the Local Governments, with an expression of their opinion, to the Government of India.

(2) His Royal Highness will only personally receive and reply to addresses of the above description. Any other addresses from bodies or communities that the Local Government may specially desire to recommend to the Government of India will, if approved by the latter, be referred by them to Sir W. Lawrence for submission to His Royal Highness and acknowledgment. But it is desired to keep addresses of this character within the narrowest possible limits.

(3) All addresses should be confined to congratulatory and complimentary matter.

No. 129.

Extract from letter from the Private Secretary to Viceroy to Shunker Rao, Chief of Bhor, dated 1st July 1905.

As you have made your requests regarding the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Governor of Bombay, His Excellency will no doubt send you a reply in due course. I need only mention that the arrangements already contemplated for His Royal Highness's visit to Bombay completely fill the time at his disposal, and that, as has already been announced, His Royal Highness will not receive addresses in caskets from any Chiefs.

No. 130.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy thinks that there is no objection to your announcing the names of the A.-D.-O.'s (ordinary and Honorary) who will be appointed to the Staff of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 131.

Itinerary of the Tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in India in 1905-06.

The accompanying itinerary of the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is forwarded for publication with the compliments of the Private Secretary. All details have not yet been finally settled and the various items of the programme are liable to modification.

Arrive in Bombay	...	... November 9th (afternoon).
Bombay	... ..	9th—15th.
Ajmer	... ..	16th-17th.
Udaipur	... ..	18th—20th.
Jaipur	... ..	21st—24th.
Bikanir	... ..	25th—27th.
Lahore	... ..	28th—December 1st.
Peshawar	... ..	... December 2nd—4th.
Jammu	... ..	5th.
Delhi	... ..	7th—10th.
Commander-in-Chief's Camp, Delhi	...	11th—15th.
Agra	... ..	16th—19th.
Bhurlpore	... ..	20th-21st.
Gwalior	... ..	21st—25th.
Lucknow	... ..	26th—28th.
Calcutta	... ..	29th—January 6th.
Darjeeling	... ..	... January 7th-8th.
Calcutta	... ..	9th.
On board ship	... ..	10th—12th.
Rangoon	... ..	13th—15th.
Mandalay	... ..	16th—18th.
On river	... ..	19th-20th.
Rangoon	... ..	21st.
On board ship	... ..	22nd-23rd.
Madras	... ..	24th—28th.
Bangalore & Mysore	... ..	29th—February 7th.
Hyderabad	... ..	... February 8th—15th.
Ellore	... ..	16th.

Benares ...	...	... February 18th-19th.
Nepal ...	...	... „ 20th—March 2nd.

(After leaving Nepal Their Royal Highnesses will probably visit Simla and some other places.)

*Quetta ...	...	... March 12th—16th.
Karachi ...	...	... „ 17th—19th.
Depart from Karachi ...	...	... „ 19th.

Simla, 5th July 1905.

No. 132.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I was too worried last week to be able to write. I send you a draft form of instructions that I have drawn up about addresses to the Prince. In one respect it is wider than both of us would like, because it does not confine them to Municipalities. In another respect it is narrower, because it does not contemplate that any of the subordinate addresses should be personally presented or acknowledged. This will save inconvenient situations, and will also greatly reduce the number of addresses presented, since what the authors desire is, as you know, not a written acknowledgment, but a public presentation (with themselves grouped in the foreground), and a spoken reply. Do you approve of the orders? If so I will issue them.

I send you the information for which you asked about the Prince's Race at Calcutta.

Surely your book, published by a good firm like Murray, would more than pay for itself. If you employ a good agent he will obtain for you excellent terms.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Copy of a letter to H. A. Stuart, Esq., c. s. i., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 28th June 1905, forwarding a copy of draft orders regulating the presentation of addresses to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (No. 128).

Copy of a letter from W. M. Beresford, Esq., Secretary, Calcutta Turf Club, to the Military Secretary to the Viceroy, dated 29th June 1905, enclosing the conditions on which the Prince of Wales' Cup race will be run in Calcutta on the 30th December 1905 (No. 107).

No. 133.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy thinks that your suggestions for the employment of the Honorary Aides-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will do very well.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 134.

TO KUNWAR SIR HARNAM SINGH, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 7th, 1905.

DEAR SIR HARNAM SINGH,

With reference to our conversation of this morning, His Excellency the Viceroy desires me to say that he does not think that it will be necessary for the Native Christian community to present an address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, since the Native Christians will be represented with their fellow citizens of other persuasions in the presentation of many other addresses.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

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No. 135.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy desires me to send you the enclosed letter containing an invitation from the Royal Welsh Fusiliers to His Royal Highness to dine with them during his stay in Agra.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM LIEUT.-COL. H. T. LYLE, D.S.O., Commdg. the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion.

Agra, April 12th, 1905.

DEAR COLONEL BARING,

As the Prince of Wales is our Colonel, I hope His Royal Highness will dine with us during his stay in Agra.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. T. LYLE.

No. 136.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 9th, 1905.

DEAR GENERAL,

The Government of Bombay has informed the Viceroy that the Chief of Idar gladly accepts the invitation to be Chief of the Native Staff of the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 137.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 11th July 1905, 7 p. m.

Private. Please inform Sir Arthur Bigge that in many places we shall find it impossible to provide for 17 European servants of Royal party, and ask whether it would not be possible to reduce number. European servants in India are more often an encumbrance than a help.

No. 138.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 12th July 1905, 3-40 p. m.

Private. Please communicate to Sir W. Lawrence with reference to his telegram of 4th July. Publication to some extent of details is absolutely necessary, since public bodies and reception Committees are everywhere pressing for information and can make no arrangements without knowing what is open to them. Please therefore authorise publication of such details as we may consider indispensable.

No. 139.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 12th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I enclose a letter from Mr. Tucker, the Officiating Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan, in which he comments on certain of the proposals for His Royal Highness's visit to Quetta, which were communicated to him in my letter of the 24th June, of which a copy has already been sent to you.

The Viceroy will be glad if you will communicate orders on Mr. Tucker's letter either to him or to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. A. L. P. Tucker, C. I. E., Officiating Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan, dated 9th July 1905. (No. 113.)

No. 140.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 13th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

This is in reply to your letter of 23rd June. I have not yet heard from Ibbetson about a gift to the Golden Temple at Amritsar : and will then reply about religious gifts in general. *Primâ facie* I am inclined to agree with Rivaz.

I have had to send two telegrams, one to Bigge, the other to you.

It is simply impossible for us to put up 17 European servants. They will be an unmitigated nuisance both to their masters and to everybody. Indeed the whole party has, in my opinion, become much too big, and, unless it is split up, will in some places be quite unmanageable. Where should we put all the servants, for instance, at Ajmer or Lahore or Peshawar? Even Government House compound at Calcutta will hardly suffice.

Then as to details of the tour, it is impossible to keep silence about them. We are being pestered for information all round, and I must assume the responsibility of divulging so much as is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 141.

To THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Govr.-General,
Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th July. I am to say that the Raja of Sailana should certainly come to Agra to receive his decoration.

I will write you at a later date about the list of Central India Chiefs to be presented to His Royal Highness.

The question of an invitation or notice to the Chiefs may also stand over for the moment until it is settled generally.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 141a.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Private Secy. to Governor of Madras.

Telegram, 14th July 1905, 4 p. m.

Viceroy has obtained permission for publication of such details of Royal visit as are absolutely necessary. You may act on this.

No. 142.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

* Telegram, 15th July 1905, 7-15 p. m.

Are you in a position to reply to paragraph 2 of my letter of the 15th June about the reception of Chiefs by Prince of Wales? The Viceroy desires to know what Chiefs you desire to recommend for the honour of a visit and return visit or for presentation.

No. 143.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Private Secy. to Governor of Bombay.

* Telegram, 15th July 1905, 7-30 p. m.

Viceroy will be glad to know if His Excellency the Governor is now in a position to reply to paragraph 5 of the letter of the 14th June about the reception of Chiefs by Prince of Wales. His Excellency desires to know what Chiefs Lord Lamington desires to recommend for the honour of a visit and return visit or for presentation.

No. 144.

R.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I enclose an extract of a letter received from the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab about the Punjab Imperial Service Troops for your information. The Viceroy will be glad if you will discuss the matter with the local authorities and inform him of your conclusion.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Extract from a letter from A. R. Jelf, Esq., dated the 14th July 1905 (No. 118).
(From "It has been" to "settled later.")

No. 145.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State :—

“ Bigge says 17 servants must come to Bombay, where arrangements can be made for their disposal. Please state maximum that can be accommodated on the train and at various stopping places.”

Will you please advise ?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 146.

R.

TO A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secy. to H. H. the Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR JELF,

Your letter of the 14th July.

The Viceroy will be much obliged if Sir Denzil Ibbetson will advise him as to what is the minimum sum which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales could safely give to the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 147.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 16th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

Your letter of the 20th June about Mohammed Aslam Khan. The Viceroy and General Beatson are both strongly of opinion that Mohammed Aslam Khan should not be attached to the Staff of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales outside the North-West Frontier Province. He might be placed on duty at Peshawar.

I will not forget about your two native clerks.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 148.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. E. N. BAKER, C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR BAKER,

Your letter of yesterday about the request of the Prince of Wales' Reception Committee, Calcutta. The Viceroy entirely agrees with you that the request should be negatived at once.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 149.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. G. S. HENDERSON, President, Bengal Club.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 18th, 1905.

DEAR MR. HENDERSON,

I am desired to inform you that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were much pleased to receive the kind invitation of the Bengal Club. They greatly regret that their stay in Calcutta will not be long enough to admit of their spending an evening as the guests of the Club, but they hope to have many other opportunities of meeting Calcutta society at the various functions to be held during their visit.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 150.

TO J. N. FARQUHAR, Esq., Acting General Secy., Young Men's Christian Association, Calcutta.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 18th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 25th May I am desired to say that it is much regretted that the stay of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Calcutta will not be long enough to admit of his having the pleasure of presiding at the Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 151.

To R. C. H. MOSS-KING, Esq., First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 18th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 15th May, I am desired to say that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be glad to unveil the statue of the late Queen at Bangalore, as suggested by the Mysore Durbar.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 152.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 18th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I enclose a letter from Bombay, which shows that there is no likelihood of duck-shooting in Sind so late as the 15th March.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from Mr. DuBoulay, Private Secretary to Governor, Bombay, dated 13th July 1905, enclosing a letter from the Commissioner of Sind, dated 7th July 1905.
(Printed.)

No. 153.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I send for your information, and with the request that you will take the requisite action, an extract from the letter from Sir Walter Lawrence to His Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Extract of a letter from Sir Walter Lawrence, dated 29th June 1905 (No. 106a) from "The Prince" to "close".

No. 154.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 19th July 1905, 10 p. m.

Private. Your private telegram of 14th instant. Royal servants. Whole number can actually be taken in train, but at many places, particularly in British territory, accommodation will not be available. Could they not be split up?

No. 155.

To H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 19th, 1905.

DEAR SIR HERBERT WHITE,

This letter is to replace the letter of July 18th, which was written under a misapprehension and was cancelled by telegram.

The original dates of the Prince of Wales' tour will be adhered to. His Royal Highness would prefer the illumination of the Lakes and Dalhousie Park at Rangoon to a ball: he would like to see a *pwe* at Mandalay: and he will have no time for a Kheddah in Burma. Time will also prevent the Myitkina trip, and he will return from Mandalay to Prome, as proposed, by river. The Prince does not care to shoot snipe, but if you can arrange for a duck-shoot on the way he will be glad.

The Viceroy thought it would be better for the Northern Shan Chiefs to come to Mandalay and be presented at the boat races. The Prince left it in his hands, and he accordingly leaves it in yours.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 156.

To W. S. MEYER, Esq., C. I. E., Secretary to the Govt. of India, Finance Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR MEYER,

I am desired to forward a copy of a letter* from Jelf on the subject of expenditure in the Punjab in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Dated 17th July 1905 (No. 122).

No. 157.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 20th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy has asked me to send you a few lines in reply to your letter of the 29th June. Suitable replies have been sent to the Bengal Club and the Young Men's Christian Association declining their invitations. I forward a copy of the instructions sent to Sir Herbert White about the Burma portion of the tour. Arrangements will be made for railway passes for the Naval Officers.

As regards the question of religious donations (to which you refer in your letter of the 23rd June), Sir Denzil Ibbetson considers that a gift should be made by His Royal Highness to the Golden Temple of Amritsar, but he thinks that it need not exceed Rs. 1,000. The Viceroy is disposed to think that the same sum would be sufficient for the other religious denominations, but sees no sufficient reason for including in them the Church at Simla. If this advice were acted upon, there would not be a call for more than Rs. 4,000.

I enclose some prints of correspondence.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 158.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR ANDREW,

I return the Nawab of Murshidabad's letter.*
The Viceroy agrees with you that it will be impossible to accede to his request.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Dated 12th July 1905.

No. 159.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

In reply to your letter about Mr. Greer and a possible knighthood, the Viceroy thinks that he is in any case bound by his telegram to Sir James Bourdillon of 1903. The knighthood to which he then referred as a possible honour for Mr. Greer was not intended to be a merely ceremonial knighthood, but was to be the reward of his excellent services—which reward Mr. Greer preferred to take in the form of a C. S. I.

As no ceremonial knighthoods were conferred upon Chairmen of Corporations at the time of the present King's visit to India, it is not proposed to start the precedent now. Mr. Greer had much better therefore prolong his holiday.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 160.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

The Viceroy thinks that there are several good reasons against the suggestion that has been made that the Prince and Princess of Wales upon arriving in Calcutta should land at Prinsep's Ghaut.

(1) The Prince contemplates arriving at Howrah, and making the customary entry through the streets, and this has more than once been mentioned in letters by Sir W. Lawrence.

(2) The Prince has a busy evening before him, with the arrival, the Municipal address and presentation of jewel, and later on the Levée. The Viceroy calculates that the entry by Prinsep's Ghaut would, from the moment of landing at Howrah Station to that of arrival at Government House, occupy at least one hour, and more probably an hour and a quarter, as compared with 20 minutes by the street route.

(3) There would be considerable difficulty about horses, carriages, and escorts if these were required to be both at Howrah Station and at Prinsep's Ghaut.

(4) The triple move from train to carriage, from carriage to boat, and from boat to carriage would be the source of a good deal of inconvenience to Their Royal Highnesses.

(5) The Viceroy is inclined to think that more persons would be able to see Their Royal Highnesses well in the streets than on the Maidan.

(6) The street route would also admit of street and house decorations which are always effective, and which should be lavishly and artistically undertaken in the present case.

(7) One of the great features of the street entry is the crowds, both European and Native, who throng the windows and balconies, and even roofs

of the houses and shops. This feature which gives pleasure to thousands would be wanting on the Maidan, and the Viceroy thinks that great disappointment would be caused.

(8) There will be abundant opportunities for large crowds on the Maidan, for instance, when His Royal Highness goes to the Races and to the Victoria Memorial Hall.

If the Reception Committee feel strongly on the point, His Excellency will gladly refer the matter to Sir W. Lawrence for submission to His Royal Highness. But the above are his individual opinions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 161.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I return your statement of meals to be taken in the train and Wutzler's letter.

The Viceroy thinks that Wutzler's tender is absolutely exorbitant. His Excellency understands that there is to be a maximum of full meals as follows:—

Breakfast	19
Lunches	14
Dinners	14

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If we reckon these at the rate of one meal of each class, *i. e.*, three meals in all per day—we arrive at a total of 15 days. Then there are 27 early teas and 12 evening teas or 39 small meals. We will suppose that these are equivalent to full meals for 5 days (a maximum hypothesis). We thus get 15+5, or a total of 20 days upon which Wutzler is to provide the complete list of meals from morning to night. His total charge is Rs. 65,000, or Rs. 3,250 per diem. Now

there is to be a maximum of consumers on any one day of 17, 1st class, and 19, 2nd class, or 36 in all. On many occasions this total will be greatly reduced. Let us assume an average of 32 consumers per diem. The result will be that for each person Wutzler will be paid at the rate of Rs. $3,250 \div 32$ or Rs. 100 per head per diem.

This figure for first class and second class alike—allowing for all Wutzler's risks, expenses, &c.,—seems to His Excellency to be extravagant.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM MESSRS. WUTZLER & HILLIER TO GENERAL S. B. BEATSON, C.B., Armadale, Simla.

Mussoorie, July 18th, 1905.

SIR,

Yours of the 12th instant, with tour programme enclosed, reached me from Bombay last night. We have been very carefully over the same and find the only way to tender for the whole tour (in India, and not in Burma), comprising over four months, would be a lumpsum.

There will be drinks, smokes, sandwiches, farinaceous food, beef and chicken tea wanted between meals in case of any of the party not feeling well, before starting of the train and very often before leaving. As regards the number of guests, I have, on every occasion I catered, found them more than the original number given. Besides there are often things cropping up which one does not foresee, and not to have any counting of guests or meals during the tour, I will take all risk to any number there may be up to 50 first and second class as per list.

We will accept rupees sixty-five thousand (Rs. 65,000) and trust you will find the same satisfactory. When catering for His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in 1902-3 for 26 days, we were paid Rs. 55,000, taking all risk as to the number, which came to over Rs. 2,000 per day. For His Imperial Highness the Czarewitch Rs. 2,500 per day for 38 first and second class, and Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria we received a lump sum for six weeks.

I shall be ready to meet you and talk the matter over at any place and time you may appoint.

Thanking you for an early reply,

We remain, &c.,
(Sd.) H. WUTZLER,
for Wutzler & Hillier.

No. 162.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

With reference to your correspondence with the Viceroy about His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales seeing the Imperial Service Troops of the Phulkian States, His Excellency desires me to say that Beatson and Drummond have agreed together that it will be better for these

troops to come to Lahore rather than that they should be collected at Chorpur. The Chiefs all wish to bring their troops to Lahore, and also this plan would be of practical use, as Lahore will be denuded of regular troops in consequence of the manœuvres.'

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 163.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy presumes that when speaking of parties to meet Their Royal Highnesses you must refer to Native States, for he can hardly imagine that the small available accommodation in British territory will be needlessly encroached upon by Lieutenant-Governors or Chief Commissioners. If your reference is to the sort of parties that are usually entertained by a Chief in Camp when the Viceroy visits his State, then His Excellency thinks that the list had perhaps better be submitted to him for scrutiny, since he is more likely to know the people than Sir Walter Lawrence.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 164.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I return Allen's letter.* As regards the arrival ceremony, I send, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have written to Sir Andrew Fraser under His Excellency's direction.

The Local Government will no doubt come up about the other matters in due course.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Copy of a letter to Sir A. Fraser, dated 22nd July 1905, (No. 160).

* Letter from C. Allen, Esq., to Brigadier-General Stuart Beatson, C.B., dated 16th July 1905.

A Fund has been raised here for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses, and it is proposed to organize an entertainment in honour of Their Royal Highnesses' visit. The

idea is to invite Their Royal Highnesses to an *al fresco* entertainment on the Maidan, the features of which would be mainly Indian performances, tableaux, dancing, &c, and fireworks—the whole to last from 5 to 8, the last hour being occupied with fireworks. Of course it is not expected that Their Royal Highnesses will stay all the time. The Executive Committee have asked me to write to you to enquire what date would be suitable, provided the entertainment is acceptable to Their Royal Highnesses. They suggest that if the pavilions are erected near the Victoria Memorial Hall, it might be convenient to fix the date on the 5th January, to follow the foundation stone ceremony. I should mention that the Fund was inaugurated at a meeting at which His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was present, and that all classes of the community are represented on the Committee. About a lakh has been collected at present. May I make a suggestion about the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses? The approach to Calcutta from across the Howrah Bridge takes the visitor through one of the most squalid portions of the city, and is altogether undesirable. It was suggested yesterday at the Committee meeting that, if Their Royal Highnesses were to step on to a steamer at Howrah, and steam down to Prinsep's Ghât, they would obtain a much more satisfactory impression of the city. They could land conveniently at Prinsep's Ghât, the historic landing place, where it would be easy to arrange a suitable welcome. I think this suggestion well worthy of your consideration.

No. 165.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy is inclined to think that arrangements might be made for escorts and guards for the Royal party at the places you name as follows :—

Amritsar	...	The General at Lahore.
Benares	...	The Local Cantonment.
Darjeeling	...	The Local planters (for escort).
Aligarh	...	From Meerut.
Simla	...	From Umballa.

I dare say you will consult the Military authorities, and, if necessary, communicate with me again.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 166.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I have shown your memorandum to the Viceroy. He thinks that the full ceremonial escort should be provided where this can be done without inconvenience.

The general arrangements that you propose seem to His Excellency suitable. It has to be remembered that the somewhat large concourse of people you are getting together will have to be accommodated not only in the two broad-gauge trains, but also in the two metre-gauge trains.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

MEMORANDUM.

Orderlies.—The usual method for the Chaprassi service of His Excellency the Viceroy is to employ jemadars, chobdars, daffadars, chaprassis, and harkaras. The duties of these is the ordinary attendance during the day, and night duty at the doors of Their Excellencies. In the ordinary case permanent employment ensures the probability of obtaining good men. For temporary employment it will be somewhat difficult to obtain really superior men without taking them away from their present masters.

To enable Their Royal Highnesses to see something of the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Indian Army, I propose utilising Havildars and Daffadars of the regular army instead of chaprassis. These men would of course perform no menial duties, and their office would be one more of day and night watch and ward over the doors of Their Royal Highnesses. This is a duty which might well be performed by Native Officers, but the arrangements for feeding and accommodating men of this class would be so difficult on tour as to preclude their use. The attached scheme speaks for itself, and shows that all races of the Native Army will have a chance of serving Their Royal Highnesses. I attach at the end of my suggestions a short statement from which it can be seen that the cost of the employment of these officers would not exceed that of the pay and clothing which would be given to chaprassis.

Baggage.—For the proper supervision of the baggage of the Royal party, it would appear necessary to have a small staff, and for obvious reasons they should go through the tour from beginning to end. To secure efficiency I think that the numbers should be—one Native Officer, and 6 Non-Commissioned Officers. For facility of feeding, I am of opinion that these should be Mahommedans, and I propose to draw them from the ranks of the Imperial Service Troops. I can easily find a Native Officer of suitable status to take charge of these arrangements, and I propose that he should be called 'Transport Officer.' The man I have at present in my mind is Major Mirza Karim Beg, Sirdar Bahadur, of the Bhopal Victoria Lancers. His experience during the Coronation and the visit of the Begum to Mecca, added to his own ability and address, fully qualify him for this rather important post.

Horses.—Colonel Broome informs me that he has selected 18 chargers and hacks for the use of the Royal party; amongst these are two which he deems to fulfil the requirements of His Royal Highness.

I propose asking for permission from His Excellency the Viceroy to send these animals to Dehra Dun to complete their training at the hands of the men of the Body-Guard. For this work a small staff allowance might be paid to the rough riding staff for their extra labour. My idea is to hand over the charge of these horses to Major Grimston, who might be permitted, with His Excellency's sanction, to arrange details for their accommodation with the Military Secretary. Here again any expenditure incurred for their accommodation may be deemed a fair charge to the Prince's tour.

Carriages—The sixteen pairs of horses necessary for the eight landaus are being trained at the Saharanpur Remount Depot. I am in communication with the Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, regarding the supply of teams to horse the barouches. Harness for both barouches, of His Excellency's pattern, but with Royal crests, has been ordered from Messrs. Monteith & Co. of Calcutta.

One barouche and four landaus will be utilised at the following places:—

Bombay, Lahore, Peshawar, Amritsar, Delhi, Balabgarh, Agra, Lucknow, Calcutta (?), Bangalore, Quetta, and Karachi.

For the landaus the Remount Department will provide coachmen, whilst for postillions for the barouches it will, I think, be best to draw upon the Royal Horse Artillery and to obtain the services of one bombardier and two drivers throughout the tour. The drivers might be fitted out with postillion and undress livery.

Guards and Escorts.—In Native States I propose that this work be carried out by the Durbar troops.

For British Cantonments, I am placing the arrangements in the hands of the Adjutant-General.

The only question of importance is as to whether full ceremonial escort should be provided at places like Bombay, Balabgarh, Calcutta, Madras, and Karachi.

Orderlies.—It is suggested that the following arrangements be made for orderlies for His Royal Highness during the tour in India, *viz.* :—

1 Native Officer ... To be selected from Skinner's Horse and to remain in attendance throughout the tour.

6 Non-Commissioned Officers ... Not under the rank of Daffadar or Havildar. To remain in attendance for certain portions of the tour, and to be selected as follows, *viz.* :—

From Bombay to Lahore (9th Nov. to 28th Nov.)	..	From regiments of the Western Command, enlisting Rajputs from Rajputana.
From Lahore to Delhi (29th Nov. to 7th Dec.)	...	From Sikh regiments of the Northern Command.
From Delhi to Calcutta (8th Dec. to 10th Jan.)	...	From regiments of the Eastern Command.
In Burma (13th Jan. to 21st Jan. 1906.)	... ..	From regiments serving in the Burma Division.
From Madras to Benares (24th Jan. to 17th Feb. 1906.)	...	From regiments serving in the Secunderabad Division.
Benares to Karachi (18th Feb. to 19th Mar. 1906.)	...	From Gurkha regiments serving in the Eastern Command.

No. 167.

Private Secy. to Viceroy, to Lieut.-Governor of Burma, Pakokku.

Telegram, 23rd July 1905, 8 p. m.

Your telegram 157, dated 22nd. Letter containing final orders of Prince of Wales, which differ from your suggestions, left by mail yesterday. As soon as it is received you may publish general arrangements.

No. 168.

To H. H. SIR ANDREW FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

The Viceroy has received an invitation from the Executive Committee of the Calcutta Royal Reception Fund to subscribe to the expenses of the entertainment to be given to Their Royal Highnesses on the Maidan.

His Excellency is only too glad, as his previous action has shown, to subscribe to, or even to lead, any public movement in India. But he is rather disposed to think in the present case that a donation from him would be inappropriate.

It will be his duty as the representative of the Sovereign to receive and to entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales at Government House. The Maidan entertainment, on the other hand, is to be the offering of the community of Calcutta. His Excellency hardly feels that he has a right to consider himself a member of this body for the purpose in question. Moreover, if he were to subscribe he might be expected to head the list which in competition with Ruling Chiefs and wealthy Zemindars he could not undertake to do. His Excellency thinks it desirable that I should mention the matter in confidence to you, since any letter that I might write to the Committee would perhaps be printed or give rise to misapprehension.

His Excellency will be glad to hear if you agree with these views, or if there is any remark that you would like to pass upon them.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 169.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C. I. E., Offg. Agent to the Govr.-Genl.
in Baluchistan.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 24th, 1905.

DEAR MR. TUCKER,

The Viceroy desires me to make the following remarks on the points to which you refer in your letter of the 18th July :—

- (i) General Beatson is arranging for carriages at Quetta.
- (ii) Will you please write to General Beatson about the number of the suite?
- (iii) The Viceroy does not think that it will be necessary to build special quarters to accommodate officers of His Royal Highness's Staff. The party will no doubt be reduced proportionately to the accommodation, and, if necessary, officers of the station may house members of the Staff who cannot be provided for in the Residency.
- (iv) Will you please ask Beatson about the five attached officers?
- (v) His Excellency agrees that it will be desirable to connect the Durbar room with the Residency by a temporary covered way.
- (vi) There is no objection to your providing for *Mehmani* payments.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 170.

TO THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR COLVIN,

The Viceroy desires me to make the following remarks with reference to your letter of the 17th and telegram of the 18th July.

The Viceroy agrees with you that it will suffice if the Jaisalmer and Dungarpur minors are presented at the Mayo College.

His Excellency also agrees that Jodhpur may be allowed the honour of a visit and return visit.

Kishengarh, who will be with the Cadet Corps at Calcutta, should not also come to Ajmer. The rule to be applied to all four Chiefs who will be with the Corps at Calcutta cannot be relaxed especially in his case; moreover, he is a minor. He will have the great honour of going to Calcutta to escort the Prince, and he will have ample opportunity to attend His Royal Highness at the various important functions that will take place there. If any question is raised he can explain this to his people.

There is no objection to your suggestion that the Tazimi Istimradars of Ajmer should be received in a body.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) R. NATHAN.

No. 171.

Extract from letter from the Viceroy to H. H. Sir H. Thirkell White, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor of Burma, dated 24th July 1905.

Nathan has written to you about the Prince's tour. Do not tire him too much in Burma, and let him see the picturesque and tranquil sides of Burmese life.

No. 172.

To THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

The Viceroy desires me to communicate the following remarks with reference to your letters of the 11th and 19th July.

In deciding what Chiefs shall have the honour of interchanging visits with the Prince of Wales, we must be careful that the lists for Central India and Rajputana are not based on different principles, and I therefore forward for your guidance a statement showing the manner in which it is proposed to deal with the Rajputana Chiefs. The list of Central India Chiefs given in

my letter of the 15th June omits the following Chiefs who have 15 or more guns : Indore, Dewas (two), and Dhar. Indore and the Senior Dewas are properly excluded as minors, and the former will be presented at the Mayo College. The Viceroy will be glad to have your views with regard to the Junior Dewas, who is grown up, and Dhar, who, although he has not yet been granted ruling powers, is 19 years of age.

The suggestion that Rutlam and Jaora should be attached to the staff of His Royal Highness as Extra A. D. C.'s at Calcutta could not be entertained. The Imperial Cadet Corps will be encamped in the Hastings House compound, and the sole duty of Rutlam and Jaora with the Corps will be to escort the Prince of Wales ; but it would be impossible to select these two Chiefs in particular as extra A. D. C.'s without giving offence to the other Chiefs. Neither is this necessary, since ample opportunity will be given to Rutlam and Jaora of attending on the Prince of Wales at the various important functions which will take place in Calcutta.

There is no objection to your giving information to the Chiefs who will go to Agra in order to be presented to His Royal Highness. A simple intimation will suffice, and a formal invitation is not necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

Rajputana Chiefs.

1. Udaipur	} Their States will be visited by His Royal Highness.
2. Bhurtpore ...	...	...
3. Bikanir ...	...	...
4. Jaipur ...	...	...
5. Bundi	} Will interchange visits with His Royal Highness.
6. Kotah ...	...	...
7. Jodhpur ...	...	...
8. Tonk ...	...	...
9. Alwar ...	...	...
10. Jhalawar ...	...	...
11. Sirohi ...	..	...

12. Dholpur	} Will be with the Cadet Corps in Calcutta.
13. Kishangarh ...	...	...
14. Jaisalmer ...	...	...
15. Dungarpur	} Minors; will be at the Mayo College when visited by His Royal Highness.
16. Karauli ...	...	...
17. Banswara	} Excused as impoverished.
18. Pertabgarh ...	...	...

No. 173.

Extract from letter from the Viceroy to H. E. The Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, dated 24th July 1905.

No doubt Edgerley should be your man to attend the Prince of Wales at ceremonial visits.

No. 174.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 25th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I return Sir John Kennaway's* letter, which I have shown, together with your forwarding letter, to the Viceroy.

The question whether the Native Christian community should present an address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was raised by Sir Harnam Singh, and he was told in reply that this would not be necessary, since the Native Christians will be represented with their fellow citizens of other persuasions in the presentation of many other addresses.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 175.

To RAJA DEEN DAYAL & SONS, Art Photographers, Bombay.

„ MESSRS. JOHNSTON & HOFFMANN, Photographers and Art Dealers, Calcutta.

„ MESSRS. BOURNE & SHEPHERD, Photographers, Calcutta.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 25th, 1905.

GENTLEMEN,

I am desired to refer to the application which you made to be permitted to accompany the party of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in India as their photographers.

The question whether an official photographer, or a certain number of official photographers, should be appointed for the purpose you mention has been carefully considered. The decision arrived at is that it would be undesirable to make such appointments, since there are so many first-class photographic firms in India that a selection could not be made without entailing disappointment and jealousy.

In these circumstances you will doubtless make your own arrangements, and the officer entrusted with the conduct of the tour will do his best to afford you every facility.

I remain, yours faithfully,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN,

Private Secy. to the Viceroy.

No. 176.

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 27th, 1905.

SIR,

This must be the last time that I trouble you; and it is after all only with a brief acknowledgment of your gracious letter of July 6th.

During the past week I really thought that I should not be in India to welcome Your Royal Highnesses in November. Arrangements have so far advanced that it would not perhaps have much mattered; though I should personally have felt the disappointment keenly.

Beatson is on tour visiting the necessary places; and we settle all the hundred and one references here.

I hope that all our turmoils will have settled down before the arrival of Your Royal Highnesses; and that we shall greet you with a clear sky in every sense of the term.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness's faithful & obedient servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 177.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

You may remember that I mentioned one of the functions of the Political Officer attached to the present King in 1875-76—Major Henderson—as having been to supply official accounts of the Royal movements to the *Government of India Gazette*. These used to appear there in the form of brief summaries of the proceedings of each week—or sometimes a longer period—printed in the Gazette a week or fortnight or sometimes three weeks later.

I do not know that this record was of much use except for transmission to Her Majesty's Government, and as an official record of what had occurred.

As there is to be no Political Officer permanently with you this time, I am afraid that the only way of carrying out the practice, if it is to be observed, will be to ask you to furnish the reports daily or weekly by telegram to the Government of India for publication.

But perhaps you will ascertain whether His Royal Highness would prefer to keep up the procedure or to dispense with it. We will of course carry out his wishes in either respect.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 178.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

No one will blame the Prince for shooting. As you know it is popular in India, and the people here would not think that His Royal Highness was doing his duty unless he beat the record somewhere.

I will send out the confidential order that you suggest to all the Political Officers. It will be both necessary and useful.

We have replied to the photographers as suggested.

I will also give a private tip about the toasts to his various hosts.

It will not be in the least necessary for me to see the replies to the addresses. In your hands they are certain to be all right. I presume that you will write them in the ship on the way out. If I can think of any useful points I will send them.

We are having the usual struggle with Wutzler over his train estimates. He calculates that the Royal party when travelling will consume about £6-£7. per head daily. I have presumed to doubt the feasibility of this.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

P. S.—At Calcutta the Prince and Princess will have our rooms on both floors. Bigge will have the A.-D.-C's room as a writing den. The A.-D.-C. will have a place rigged up in the corridor. Beatson will have Lat's room as an office. You will have your old work room and will sleep in the little unoccupied room next door. Beatson, Bigge, Equery, Doctor, Valet will be on the ground floor. I shall move with Nathan to Council Room. You will find the house beautifully done up—a real Palace.

No. 179.

To H. A. STUART, Esq., C. S. I., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 28th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR STUART,

I enclose a copy of the orders to be issued with regard to the presentation of addresses to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The orders should issue in the form of a confidential letter addressed to the Local Governments and Administrations of the Provinces which Their Royal Highnesses will visit.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

[*Confidential.*]

Draft Orders.

(1) It is the desire of His Royal Highness to receive as few addresses as possible while in India, and to confine these, except for special reasons to the contrary, to the Municipalities of the great cities which he will visit. Exception will only be made in rare cases, such as the Talukdars of Oudh, which should be referred for orders by the Local Governments, with an expression of their opinion, to the Government of India.

(2) His Royal Highness will only personally receive and reply to addresses of the above description. Any other addresses from bodies or communities that the Local Government may specially desire to recommend to the Government of India will, if approved by the latter, be referred by them to Sir W. Lawrence for submission to His Royal Highness and acknowledgment. But it is desired to keep addresses of this character within the narrowest possible limits.

(3) All addresses should be confined to congratulatory and complimentary matter.

(4) Wherever the Prince of Wales is accompanied by the Princess the presentation of addresses should be made jointly to Their Royal Highnesses.

(5) It is desirable that the text of proposed addresses should be forwarded to the Government of India as early as possible in order that they may be forwarded to Sir W. Lawrence.

No. 180.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 29th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

You asked me some time ago to engage two native clerks for you, and you told me that you would like men accustomed to touring and who could do neat typewriting. It is proposed to place at your disposal Mani Babu from my office and N. Raha from the Office of the Military Secretary. I think that these two men answer your description better than any others I could procure, and I believe that they will suit you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 181.

Press Communiqué.

An intimation has been received that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will not hold any Drawing Rooms while in India. Receptions will be held instead by Their Royal Highnesses at the Capital Cities.

31-7-05.

No. 182.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 31st, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

On the 15th of June I forwarded to you a demi-official correspondence with the Government of the United Provinces regarding a request that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should unveil a statue of Her late Majesty the Queen Empress at Agra. I now send an official letter* from the local Government forwarding a formal invitation from the Honorary Secretary of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund Committee at Agra. The Viceroy has instructed me to do this, as he thinks it is quite unnecessary to transmit the invitation by means of a formal despatch to the Secretary of State. Will you therefore please reply to the invitation?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Enclosure not printed.

No. 183.

TO H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, July 31st, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th July about the request made to the Viceroy to subscribe to the expenses of the public reception of Their Royal Highnesses at Calcutta.

As you agree with the Viceroy's views, His Excellency will act upon them. He thinks that it will be best that you should, as suggested in your letter, explain his position to the Honorary Secretaries when you reach Calcutta. I am not, therefore, sending any reply to Mr. Bayley's letter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 184.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I have shown your letter of the 28th July about Wutzler's tender to the Viceroy. His Excellency thinks that, as the maximum number of persons for whom it is likely that Wutzler will be required to cater is only 36, you will be incurring unnecessary expenditure by making provision for a maximum number of 50. You should be able to save a considerable sum if you reduced the maximum to 36, paying, should the occasion require, extra for any number above this total.

I return the enclosures* of your letter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Not printed.

No. 185.

TO THE HON. MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

I have laid your letter of the 29th July before the Viceroy. His Excellency agrees to the inclusion of Dhar, the Junior Dewas, and Samthar. This will give 8 Chiefs for exchange visits with the Prince of Wales. In view of the instructions given by His Royal Highness, the Viceroy thinks that we must stop at this, and that it will not be advisable to include Ajaigarh and Bijawar.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 186.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Rajputana, Ajmer.

Telegram, 3rd August 1905, 4-10 p. m.

Your telegram 770-C., dated 2nd August. Royal visit. You have permission to submit details regarding visit of Chiefs, and regarding ceremonial at Ajmer officially through Foreign Department.

No. 187.

To J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Governor of Bombay.

„ A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

„ THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

„ H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces.

„ W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

„ D. SHEARME, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

„ L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Private Secy. to Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 3rd, 1905.

DEAR { DuBOULAY,
JELF,
O'DWYER,
TYLER,
GOURLAY,
SHEARME,
WYNCH,

I have to ask you to be so kind as to send to me at your very earliest convenience a brief description of the leading Indian gentlemen who are likely to have the honour of an interview with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at

(DuBoulay)	...	Bombay and Karachi.
(Jelf)	...	Lahore and Delhi.
(O'Dwyer)	...	Peshawar.
(Tyler)	...	Lucknow, Agra, and Benares.
(Gourlay)	...	Calcutta.
(Shearime)	...	Rangoon and Mandalay.
(Wynch)	...	Madras.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 188.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I have a few remarks to make about your detailed tour programme.

Bombay.—The invitation for the Byculla Club Ball has been accepted and it may be entered in the column of events.

Peshawar —For ‘Municipal address’ should be substituted ‘joint address by Municipal Committee and leading men of the province.’

Delhi.—(1) You have omitted the Municipal address. If this is to be presented at the Town Hall rather than at the Station or Circuit House, it might perhaps be included in the afternoon of the 7th, when Their Royal Highnesses drive up the Chandni Chauk.

(2) Does your ‘drive up Chandni Chauk to the Palace’ include a visit to the Palace? This is perhaps the most important of the Delhi items, and if there is not time to do it well on the Thursday afternoon it might be transferred to Friday, for which at present you have only fixed visits from Chiefs.

(3) You have also omitted Her Royal Highness’ visit to the Dufferin Hospital. This might take place on Friday the 8th while the Prince is receiving visits from the Chiefs.

Agra.—Have you yet made arrangements for the motors to drive the Royal party from Agra to Fatehpur-Sikri and thence to Bhurtpore? They might perhaps be borrowed from Gwalior or from some one else; if not it will be necessary to hire them.

Lucknow.—The Mutiny veterans may be entered in the column of events, as it has been definitely settled that His Royal Highness will see them on the occasion of his visit to the Residency.

Burma.—See my letter to Sir H. White, dated 19th July.

(1) Monday the 15th. The question whether the Northern Shan Chiefs should be received at Rangoon or Mandalay has been left to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(2) Mandalay. A ‘pwe’ will be given no doubt at Government House in the Fort.

(3) Journey down the river from Mandalay; you have omitted to mention possible duck shoot *en route*.

Bangalore.—You have omitted the review of Imperial Service Troops and the visit to the Military Hospitals.

Hyderabad.—The following items should be included :—

(a) Review of Imperial Service Troops.

(b) Purdah party.

(c) Visit to Dufferin Hospital.

(d) Entertainment at Residency.

(*Vide* letter to Bayley dated 24th June 1905.)

Karachi.—The inspection of the harbour and defences should be entered in the list of events for the 19th March.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 189.

TO H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR ANDREW,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd August forwarding a further communication from the Calcutta Reception Committee regarding the manner of entry of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales into Calcutta.

The Viceroy will gladly refer the question to Sir W. Lawrence in order that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales may himself decide it. The whole correspondence will be sent just as it is, and no representation will be made on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 190.

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To MAHARAJ-KUMAR PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE, Tagore Castle, Calcutta.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR MAHARAJ-KUMAR,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 3rd August, which I have shown to His Excellency the Viceroy. It is very kind of the Maharaja to offer the services of his new motor car during the Royal visit, when, no doubt, it will be very useful. I shall be delighted to see it, or, as you suggest, to take a ride on it after we return to Calcutta.

I am, under His Excellency's instructions, sending your letter and its enclosure confidentially to Sir W. Lawrence in order that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales may know of the preparations which are being made by the citizens of Calcutta to offer them a loyal welcome.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 191.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

I am desired by the Viceroy to forward the accompanying correspondence regarding the manner of entry of the Prince and Princess of Wales into Calcutta, and to request that you will be kind enough to take the instructions of His Royal Highness on the question. Will you please reply by telegram?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

1. Letter from Sir A. H. L. Fraser, dated 18th July 1905 (No. 127).
2. " to " dated 22nd July 1905 (No. 160).
3. " from " dated 2nd August 1905 (No. 142).
4. " " " dated 2nd August 1905 (No. 143).
5. " to " dated 6th August 1905 (No. 139).

No. 192.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 6th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

I am desired by the Viceroy to send, for information, the accompanying letter* (with enclosures) from Maharaj-Kumar Prodyat Coomar Tagore; it indicates the arrangements which are being made by the citizens of Calcutta to welcome Their Royal Highnesses.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Dated 3rd August 1905 (No. 146).

No. 193.

TO E. V. GABRIEL, Esq., Under Secretary, Foreign Department.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR GABRIEL,

With reference to our conversation of Saturday, I send a statement, showing, as far as it has been settled at present, the arrangements for the visits of Chiefs to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

As regards Bombay, the Chiefs have been warned by His Excellency the Governor that return visits will be impossible unless they secure accommodation near Malabar Point.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

BOMBAY.

Kolhapur	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Bombay.
Cutch ...	...	...
Bhaunagar ...	...	...
Cambay ...	...	...
Drangadhra ...	...	...
Junagadh ...	...	...
Nawanagar ...	...	...
Palanpur ...	...	...
Rajpipla ...	...	...
Porbandar ...	...	...
Gondal ...	...	...
Morvi ...	...	...
Khairpur	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Karachi.
Idar	} Chief of the Native Staff.
Radhanpur	} Minor.

RAJPUTANA.

Udaipur	} Their States will be visited by His Royal Highness.
Bhurtpore ...	...	...
Bikanir ...	...	...
Jaipur ...	...	...

RAJPUTANA—*contd.*

Bundi	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Ajmer.
Kotah	...	...
Jodhpur	...	...
Tonk	...	...
Alwar	...	...
Jhalawar	...	...
Sirohi	} will be with the Cadet Corps in Calcutta.
Dholpur	...	...
Kishangarh	...	...
Jaisalmer	} Minors; will be at the Mayo College when visited by His Royal Highness.
Dungarpur	...	...

PUNJAB.

Patiala (minor)	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Lahore.
Bahawalpur	...	...
Jind	...	...
Nabha	...	...
Faridkot	...	...
Kapurthala	...	...
Mandi	} will be received at Lahore.
Sirmur	...	...
Chamba	...	...
Suket	

PUNJAB—*contd.*

Kalsia	} will be received at Delhi.
Pataudi	...	...	...
Loharu	...	...	...
Dujana	...	...	...
Maler Kotla (doubtful)	...	...	...
Probably a few Simla Hill Chiefs	...	...	...

KASHMIR.

State will be visited by His Royal Highness.

UNITED PROVINCES.

Rampur	...	...	...	will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Lucknow.
Tehri	...	...	...	will be received at Lucknow.

CENTRAL INDIA.

Gwalior	} His Royal Highness will visit the State.
Bhopal	...	...	...
Rewa	...	...	...
Orehha	...	...	...
Datia	...	...	...
Dhar	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Agra.
Dewas (Junior Branch)	...	...	...
Samthar	...	...	...
Charkhari	...	...	...
Jaora	...	...	...
Rutlam	} will be with the Cadet Corps in Calcutta.

CENTRAL INDIA—*contd.*

Indore	...	...	...	} Minors; will be at the Mayo College when visited by His Royal Highness.
Panna	...	...	...
Dewas (Senior Branch)			...	Minor.
Sailana	...	...	...	will be received at Agra to be invested with the insignia of the K. C. I. E.

BENGAL.

Cooch Behar

MADRAS.

Travancore	...	...	...	} will interchange visits with His Royal Highness at Madras.
Cochin	...	...	...
Pudukota	...	...	...	will be received at Madras.

MYSORE.

State will be visited by His Royal Highness.

HYDERABAD.

State will be visited by His Royal Highness.

No. 194.

TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR, G. C. I. E., C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA,

The Viceroy sent home some time ago the expression of your desire to be permitted to offer some hospitality to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales during their visit to Calcutta. His Excellency has now heard from Sir W. Lawrence that Their Royal Highnesses will be pleased to lunch with you on one day during their stay, and he accordingly proposes Monday, January 1st, as the most convenient date for the purpose.

His Excellency will be glad to know if this will be agreeable to Your Highness.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 195.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 9th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

In your letter of the 14th July to the Viceroy you suggested that the Prince's Cup for the Calcutta Races might be exhibited at Hamilton's. His Excellency thinks that there is certainly no objection to this being done.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 196.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces.

* Telegram, 11th August 1905, 8-38 a. m.

Your telegram of 8th August. List may be sent as proposed, but it must be kept strictly confidential as no instructions of actual intentions of His Royal Highness with regard to interviews have been received.

No. 197.

To J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., Private Secretary to Governor of Bombay.

„ A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

„ THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, N. W. F. Province.

„ W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

„ D. SHEARME, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.

„ L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Private Secretary to Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 11th, 1905.

[Private.]

DEAR { DuBOULAY,
JELF,
O'DWYER,
GOURLAY,
SHEARME,
WYNCH,

With reference to my letter of the 3rd August, I have to say that the list of leading Indian gentlemen which you send must be kept strictly confidential, since we have at present no actual intimation from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with regard to the interviews which he will accord during the course of his tour.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 198.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

I am desired to forward a dozen copies of a note showing the arrangements which it is proposed to make for Press Correspondents in connection with the tour of Their Royal Highnesses. You will see that the Memorandum is for circulation to Press Correspondents, and you will perhaps give copies to the representatives of the English Press who propose to come to India.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

Note on arrangements for Press Correspondents.

1. The Government of India have been considering the question of accommodation and other facilities for representatives of the Press in connection with the approaching visit to India of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

2. So far as is at present known the following Press correspondents and artists will come out from England :—

" Reuter "	...	... Dr. Joseph Watson.
" The Times "	...	... A Correspondent.
" The Daily Telegraph "	...	... Mr. Landon.
" The Daily Mail "	...	... Mr. Maxwell.
" The Standard "	...	... Mr. Sidney Low.
" The Illustrated London News "	...	... Mr. Gregg.
" The Graphic "	...	... Mr. Jacomb Hood.

3. As regards the Indian papers it is believed that they will combine to appoint representatives, and that the number of them will not be large.

4. The places which will be visited by Their Royal Highnesses may be roughly divided into three classes :—

- (a) Capital cities and other large centres of population in British India, in which hotel accommodation is easily procurable. In these places (*e. g.*, Bombay, Lahore, Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, Benares, Calcutta, Rangoon, and Madras) the Press correspondents will be left to make their own arrangements, but the local authorities will be asked in advance to render any such assistance as may be found desirable in the event of difficulties being likely to occur in procuring accommodation owing to the exceptional circumstances of the Royal Tour. The correspondents will at all such places pay for their own board and lodging.
- (b) Smaller places in British India, such as Ajmer, Peshawar, and Bangalore, where there is little accommodation for travellers. The Government will endeavour to provide accommodation in these places, but will probably require to make some charge for doing so.
- (c) Native States, in which the State authorities will be requested to provide accommodation: and in which the question of charge must necessarily be left to their discretion.

5. The greatly increased facilities of railway travelling now existing in India will enable the Press correspondents to move from place to place without difficulty, and to be upon the spot before the arrival of the Royal party. The Railway Companies will endeavour, where necessary, to make special arrangements with this end in view. The Officer in charge of the Tour arrangements will also be glad on all occasions to render any assistance which may be found possible; and it will be the general desire of all the authorities without exception to aid an enterprise which in the conditions of Indian life and travel is sometimes attended with difficulties not experienced in European countries.

6. The Railway Companies are further prepared to issue a suitable number of free passes to the representatives of the European, Anglo-Indian, and Indian Press. Similar concessions will be given on State Railways.

7. Special passes and badges will be issued to correspondents in order to secure to them the entry to all public functions.

8. This memorandum is circulated in advance to the Local Governments and authorities as well as to the Press correspondents.

No. 199.

To W. S. MEYER, Esq., C. I. E., Secy. to Govt. of India, Finance Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR MEYER,

In continuation of my letter of the 19th July, I forward a copy of a communication from O'Dwyer on the subject of expenditure in the North-West Frontier Province in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In view of the Punjab figures forwarded with my letter under reference, the estimates now given for the North-West Frontier Province appear to be preposterous.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 200.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Telegram, 14th August 1905, 5-35 p. m.

Following received from Maharaj-Kumar Tagore :—

Begins. *Englishman*, 10th, publishes that Native fête 4th January, besides Native fête on Maidan 9th. Royal Reception Committee anxious to learn if this correct. Two entertainments are likely to prejudicially affect our public entertainment on 9th as we settled with General Beatson. Writing. *Ends.*

The Viceroy has not yet been consulted as to the date of the fête, and has therefore expressed no opinion upon it. His Excellency thinks it would be a great pity to postpone it till the 9th, the last day of the Royal stay in Calcutta, and had always meant to suggest the 2nd. What is your view of this proposal?

No. 201.

To E. V. GABRIEL, Esq., Under Secy. to Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR GABRIEL,

I send herewith a copy of the confidential orders as officially issued to Local Governments and Administrations regarding the presentation of addresses to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

{ MADRAS.
BOMBAY.
BENGAL.
UNITED PROVINCES.
PUNJAB.
BURMA.

Nos. 2705—2710, dated Simla, the 14th August 1905.

[Confidential,]

SIR,

I am directed to state, for the information of ^{the Governor in Council,} ~~His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,~~ that it is the desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to receive as few addresses as possible during his forthcoming tour in India, and to confine these, except for special reasons to the contrary, to the Municipalities of the more important cities which he will visit. Exception will only be made in rare cases, such as the Talukdars of Oudh, which should be referred for orders by the Local Governments concerned, with an expression of their opinion, to the Government of India in the Foreign Department.

2. His Royal Highness will only personally receive and reply to addresses of the above description. Any other addresses from bodies or communities that the Local Government may specially desire to recommend to the Government of India will, if approved by the latter, be referred to Sir W. Lawrence for submission to His Royal Highness and acknowledgment. But it is desired to keep addresses of this character within the narrowest possible limits.

3. All addresses should be confined to congratulatory and complimentary matter, and should exclude expressions of opinion on political questions, requests for favours, or allusions to topics of a controversial nature. In cases of doubt as to whether an address infringes these conditions, the Local Government should refer the matter to the Government of India before giving an express or implied approval to the draft.

4. Whenever the Prince of Wales is accompanied by the Princess of Wales the presentation of addresses should be made jointly to Their Royal Highnesses.

5. It is desirable that the text of proposed addresses should be forwarded to the Government of India in the Foreign Department as early as possible in order that they may be forwarded to Sir W. Lawrence.

I have, &c,

(Sd.) H. A. STUART,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

No. 202.

To THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 14th, 1905.

DEAR O'DWYER,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th August. The proposals made in it, and in your earlier letter on the subject of expenditure in connection with the visit to Peshawar of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, indicate a somewhat exaggerated conception of the scale of preparation and outlay which is required, and they are out of all proportion to those submitted by the Punjab Government. Your earlier letter has been transferred to the Finance Department; but it is not proposed to send the other to them since any considerable expenditure on the Landi Kotal quarters in consideration of the very brief halt which Their Royal Highnesses will make at that place would seem to be out of the question. Their Royal Highnesses will hardly expect to find elegantly furnished apartments on the Afghan frontier! The Viceroy knows Landi Kotal well, and thinks that the quarters there are quite suitable for the reception of the Prince and Princess in their present condition.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) R. NATHAN.

No. 203.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

In a letter dated the 23rd March you asked me to give you information as to whether the officers who will have the honour of

being hosts to Their Royal Highnesses at the different places they will visit will have their wives with them. In my reply of the 13th April I promised to make inquiries and to let you know in due course. I now append a list of the Lieutenant-Governors, Political Officers, &c., who, as far as we know, are likely to be the hosts. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Tucker are unmarried: Mrs. Manners-Smith will not be in Nepal. It may be taken that all the other officers will have their wives with them. I do not know at present who will be at Bhurtpore.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Ajmer	...	...	...	Mr. Colvin.
Udaipur	...	...	...	Major Pinhey.
Jaipur	...	...	...	Colonel Herbert.
Bikanir	...	...	...	Major Bruce.
Lahore	...	...	...	Sir C. Rivaz.
Peshawar	...	...	...	Colonel Deane.
Jammu	...	...	...	Colonel Pears.
Gwalior	...	...	...	Mr. Cobb.
Lucknow	...	...	...	Sir J. D. LaTouche.
Calcutta	..	...	...	Sir A. Fraser.
Burma	...	...	...	Sir H. White.
Mysore	...	...	...	Sir L. Dane.
Hyderabad	...	...	...	Mr. Bayley.
Nepal	...	...	...	Major Manners-Smith.
Quetta	...	...	...	Mr. Tucker.
Karachi	...	...	...	Mr. Younghusband.

No. 204.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to General Beatson, Tourist, India, Ajmere.

Telegram, 16th August 1905, 4-50 p. m.

Viceroy hopes that you have concluded no arrangement with Wutzler and would like to know latest stage of negotiations. Information has reached His Excellency conclusively establishing preposterous nature of Wutzler's proposals

No. 205.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Burma, Rangoon.

* Telegram, 19th August 1905, 8-20 p. m.

Your telegram of the 18th August. Kind offer of Irrawadi Flotilla Company may be accepted.

No. 206.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to General Beatson.

Telegram, 19th August 1905, 9 p. m.

Your wire to Railway Board about special correspondents. To what orders do you refer? The Viceroy understood that you would now and then give a lift to pressmen in your train where possible. But he is not aware of any orders to that effect.

No. 207.

To H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR AMPHILL,

Though my responsibility for the arrangements of the Royal tour will not continue very much longer, I think that I am competent to answer the question that you have put to me in your letter received to-day. I had no intention of inviting the Governors of Goa or Pondicherry to Calcutta. I think that you are under no obligation to invite the latter to Madras: and I certainly hope that Lamington (you might mention the matter to him) will not invite the former to Bombay. As I understand the Prince and Princess are visiting British India, not foreign India. The case was rather different in 1875, since the then Prince of Wales, while descending the West Coast, filled up the spare time which had been caused by the break down of his plans, by putting in at Goa, and landing there.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 208.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 21st, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy desires me to send you copies of a letter and telegram received from the Government of Burma regarding requests which have been made to the Lieutenant-Governor that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should perform some ceremony of inauguration for various buildings, works, &c.

Will you kindly telegraph the wishes of His Royal Highness on the subject?

I am to add, with reference to the Lieutenant-Governor's telegram, that if any important representation is received regarding the opening of the Victoria Memorial Park, a telegram will be sent to you on the subject.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from the Lieut.-Governor, Burma, dated 14th August 1905. (No. 152).
Telegram from ditto ditto, dated 18th August 1905. (No. 159).

No. 209.

To BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy has heard from Sir W. Lawrence that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would like his *extra* A.-D.-C.'s to meet him at Bombay and to see him off at Karachi (in other respects following the arrangements already suggested by you). His Royal Highness would also like Lord C. Fitzmaurice to be on his staff while at Delhi. The other day His Excellency informed the Maharaja of Bikanir that he had no objection to his attending the Delhi Camp as an A.-D.-C., but that he thought that His Highness certainly ought not—alone among all the non-Bombay Ruling Chiefs—to be at Bombay.

If you think there is no objection to the Maharaja being in Camp at Delhi, you can arrange accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

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No. 210.

To SURGEON-GENERAL G. BOMFORD, C. I. E., I. M. S., Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 21st, 1905.

DEAR DR. BOMFORD,

I have to write to you about the question of a doctor for Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales during the period (about a fortnight) that she will stay at Agra whilst the Prince is shooting in Nepal. Do you think that the best arrangement will be for one of the Civil Surgeons of the United Provinces to be specially deputed for the purpose, and, if so, whom would you recommend? Or would you suggest any other plan?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 211.

To MAHARAJ-KUMAR PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR MAHARAJ-KUMAR,

I have to thank you for your kind letter of the 18th August and for the revised programme received with it. As you now know the report that there will be two entertainments, one on the Maidan and the second in some other place, was due to a misconception, and the 2nd of January having been fixed as the date for the Reception entertainment, I need not say anything more on the subject.

I note that you are going to send me a photo of your father's motor car.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 212.

To N. G. PRIESTLEY, Esq., Secretary, Railway Board.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 22nd, 1905.

DEAR PRIESTLEY,

The Viceroy telegraphed to General Beatson about the question relating to special correspondents alluded to in your letter of the 17th August. The use of the word "orders" in his telegram was a mistake. He has received no orders on the subject, and what he meant was merely that, in cases where circumstances permit it, he will help by giving such accommodation as he can to Press correspondents in the second train.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 213.

To H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G., Marlborough House, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 23rd, 1905.

SIR,

I am truly grieved that I shall not after all have the honour of being responsible for the entertainment of Your Royal Highnesses while in India. Circumstances or persons—whichever it be—have been too strong for me, and I have had no alternative but to resign. The only thought that has really distressed me in the matter has been the fear lest I might be thought to be leaving Your Royal Highnesses' arrangements in the lurch. I hope however that there is not the slightest danger of this. Fortunately we began so early and have worked so hard that nearly everything is already done, and by the time that I go, scarcely anything will remain but to receive Your Royal Highnesses and see that the arrangements do not fail in execution. I own I shall feel rather bitterly, when I think of some one else doing the honours of Government House at Calcutta—about which we have taken an enormous amount of trouble. But that can't be helped, and the Mintos will make an admirable host and hostess. It only remains for me to assure Your Royal

Highness that up till the hour of my departure I shall spare no effort to complete the plans, and to beg you to believe that no one is so much distressed at this unexpected upset in a programme that was proceeding so happily as myself.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness' faithful and obedient Servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 214.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 23rd, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I enclose a copy of correspondence with Surgeon-General Bomford, Director-General, Indian Medical Service, on the subject of a doctor to attend on Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales during her stay at Agra. The Viceroy will be glad if you will send instructions.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

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1. Letter to Surgeon-General Bomford, dated 21st August 1905 (No. 210).
 2. Letter from Surgeon-General Bomford, dated 21st August 1905 (No. 163).

No. 215.

TO F. R. UPCOTT, Esq., C. S. I., Chairman, Railway Board.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR UPCOTT,

Will you please look at the enclosed letters from Douglas and Olivier?

The Viceroy would like to have your opinion on the suggestion that the English correspondents should get their passes, &c., from the Central Office of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway.

Another point is to whom Indian correspondents should address applications for passes. The Viceroy thinks that applications might be addressed to the Railway Board, and will be glad to know whether you agree.

The information in the postscript to Olivier's letter must presumably be incorrect.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from Mr. J. Douglas, Agent, East Indian Railway, dated 20th August 1905, (No. 161), enclosing a letter from Mr. Olivier, Agent, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, dated 15th August 1905.

No. 216.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to General Beatson, Jodhpore.

Telegram, 24th August 1905, 3-35 p. m.

Viceroy has consulted very best authority and recommends that contract be offered to Wutzler for maximum of 36 persons at maximum price of Rs. 50,000, and that if he refuses, negotiations be at once opened with Peliti. His Excellency is informed that Wutzler should be able to execute contract cheaper than any other firm, since he will be able to utilise his train staff in Native States where he has already received contract. If number ever exceeds 36, additional price could be paid at so much per head per meal. But situation seems unlikely to occur.

No. 217.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Camp.

Telegram, 24th August 1905, 3-45 p. m.

Your telegram of 15th August. May we now fix January 2nd for fête on Maidan and for extra holiday which it is proposed to give in pursuance of precedent of 1875?

No. 218.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieutenant-Governor, Burma, Rangoon.

* Telegram, 26th August 1905, 3 p. m.

Your telegram 214, dated 25th August. Viceroy agrees that invitation of Irrawadi Flotilla Company may be accepted.

No. 219.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to General Beatson.

Telegram, 26th August 1905, 3 p. m.

Irrawadi Flotilla Company propose that Their Royal Highnesses and party should be guests of Company during river journey. If this trip is included in Wutzler's estimate, a corresponding deduction should be made. In these circumstances it hardly seems necessary for Wutzler to go to Burma at all. What is your opinion?

No. 220.

To THE HON'BLE MR. A. WILLIAMS, Offg. Resident in Mysore.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR WILLIAMS,

Sir Walter Lawrence has suggested in a letter to the Viceroy that it might be possible for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to visit the electric works on the Cauvery. His Excellency thinks that if there is time for this His Royal Highness would enjoy the visit. Is there time for it in the programme, and if so, would the Mysore Durbar like to put forward the proposal?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 221.

To J. DOUGLAS, Esq., Agent, E. I. Railway.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR DOUGLAS,

I have shown your letter and its enclosure (returned) to the Viceroy. His Excellency agrees with you that Olivier's suggestion that the English correspondents should get their passes, &c., from the Central Office of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway is a good one. As regards correspondents of papers in India it would seem desirable that applications should be made to you in Calcutta.

The information in the postscript to Olivier's letter must be incorrect.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Original letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. Olivier, Agent, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, to J. Douglas, Esq., Agent, East Indian Railway, *re* the grant of passes for the newspaper correspondents on the occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' visit.

No. 222.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to General Beatson, Jaipur.

Telegram, 28th August 1905, 1-55 p. m. .

Viceroy has never taken any steps about snipe shoot at Calcutta, since he conceived it to depend entirely upon whether there are or are not birds.

No. 223.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to General Beatson, Jaipur.

Telegram, 28th August 1905, 2 p. m.

Your telegrams 441-T. C., dated 27th August, and 456-T. C., dated 28th August. Viceroy advises you to adhere to Rs. 50,000-with Wutzler or to arrange with Kellner, but leaves ultimate decision to you.

No. 224.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, August 31st, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Nawab of Bahawalpur has come up again about the question of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having a duck shoot in the Bhawalpur State. The Viceroy thinks that it will be best to let the matter stand over for the present, because if there is no water when the time comes there can be no sport.

2. Another matter to which I have to allude is the request of the Bombay University that His Royal Highness should accept an address from them. I referred to this matter in my letter of the 1st June. Lord Lamington states that the Vice-Chancellor is asking to be informed what the decision is, and His Excellency will therefore be glad if you will send His Royal Highness' instructions.

3. The Viceroy desires me to mention the following matters in connection with your last letter:—

- (1) His Excellency has given instructions to General Beatson that His Royal Highness' Extra A.-D.-C.'s should meet him at Bombay and see him off at Karachi.
- (2) Also that His Royal Highness would like Lord C. Fitzmaurice to be on his Staff while at Delhi.
- (3) A letter has been sent to Williams, Officiating Resident in Mysore, making your suggestion that His Royal Highness should visit the electric works on the Cauvery.

I enclose the letters relating to the above matters.

4. I will send by next mail the Foreign Department notes on Native States up to date. The Department is having them bound in a convenient form.

5. The Local Governments are sending in brief notes on the leading Indian gentlemen who may have the honour of an interview with His Royal Highness, and I hope to send them to you shortly.

6. I enclose a further batch of prints.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 225.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence.

Telegram, 1st September 1905, 6-30 p. m.

My letter August 21st. Lieutenant-Governor recommends Prince should open Victoria Memorial Park Rangoon. His letter follows.

No. 226.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 2nd September 1905, 6-30 p. m.

Private. Will you kindly communicate following to Lawrence. A letter has just come from Agent to the Governor-General pointing out that, owing to failure of rains, there is likely to be very serious famine in Rajputana this winter; and urging that Royal visit to Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bikanir should be given up at once, and that Udaipur and Bhurtpore should only be retained if there is abundant rain before middle of September. I think it my duty to report this without delay, but would propose to wait another fortnight before giving matured advice to His Royal Highness.

No. 227.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 2nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

The Viceroy desires me to forward a copy of a letter from the Calcutta Royal Reception Committee. I am to say that the Government of India do not propose to decorate the Maidan for the opening ceremony of the Victoria Memorial Hall on the 5th, and that it must be left to the Committee of the entertainment on the 2nd to decide what they please with regard to decorations for that occasion. His Excellency thought it desirable that I should inform you of this decision in the first instance, and I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly cause it to be conveyed to the proper authorities.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM C. B. BAYLEY, Esq., Joint Honorary Secretary, Royal Reception Committee.

Writers' Buildings, August 30th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Can you let me know whether the route will be decorated on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial?

We desire to decorate this route on the 2nd January for our fête, but to do it really well will cost a lot of money, and if the route is to be decorated by Government for the 5th, this could no doubt be made available earlier for the 2nd.

Also it might be possible for Government and the Reception Committee to share the cost and for the Committee to undertake the work under the supervision of the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. B. BAYLEY.

No. 228.

TO THE HON. MAJOR H. DALY, C.S.I., C.I.E., Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 5th, 1905.

MY DEAR DALY,

The Viceroy desires me to say that if the programme of the Prince of Wales' tour stands as at present it will be impossible to arrange for a visit to Bhopal. If the tour is altered by Rajputana being cut out on account of famine, then His Excellency will make the suggestion. The question of the Bhopal Imperial Service Lancers, to which you refer, had better stand over until the other question is settled.

His Excellency desires me to convey his sincere congratulations to Her Highness on the occasion of the marriage of her youngest son Hamid-ullah Khan.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 229.

To S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 5th, 1905.

MY DEAR FRASER,

You will remember the discussion about the publication of periodical official summaries of the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Sir Walter Lawrence writes that, unless His Royal Highness prefers to dispense with them, he will be responsible for transmitting them every week to the Government Printer.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 230.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 6th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy desires me, with reference to his telegram of the 2nd September, to send for your information the accompanying letter from Colvin about the condition of affairs in Rajputana.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

From THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Department.

Jaipur, August 31st, 1905.

MY DEAR FRASER,

My recent crop reports and telegrams will have kept you pretty well informed of the situation here. I am afraid it now looks bad. There is certain to be a fodder famine almost at once over greater part of Rajputana—the principal *kharif* crops are hopelessly lost, except in the southern tracts and possibly in parts of the Eastern Rajputana States, but even in these they are in a ticklish condition, and will only be secured if we have another good fall of rain. I am trying to establish grass depôts for emigrating cattle, as was advised after the last famine, and I hope to be successful in this and save the lives of many cattle, though we shall have to pay a price for the grass.

If we have really heavy rain in September, it will greatly ease the situation all round, as it will give hope of a good *rabi*, open the *bunniya*'s purses, and restrict both the period and the intensity of the distress. But in any case we are in for three or four months of what will amount in most of the States to famine. People would have got through if this disastrous season had followed years of plenty, but unfortunately Rajputana has been suffering from a long period of lean years, including in the last six years two periods of famine. Water is everywhere very low; irrigation is much restricted; and I think the failure of the present *khari* crop for these reasons spells "famine." It will take very little to push the people over the edge of the danger which has been so long hanging about their borders. If abundant rain does not fall in September, we shall be in for a famine which will be worse than that of 1899-1900, and therefore of a very severe type.

Under these circumstances, I feel bound to express the view that the proposed visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Rajputana should be very carefully reconsidered. It will, I think, be generally held that if the country is suffering from famine, the visit would be better abandoned. It would be a very great disappointment to the Chiefs, and of course to myself also, if this decision were taken, but the matter has to be considered from a broader point of view. It is not only that the visit might be marred by sights and scenes of famine, and that the rejoicings at the capital would be somewhat incongruous with the condition of the surrounding people, but the principal objection, to my mind, is that the Chiefs and their officials would give their attention to the preparations for the Royal visit more than to the administrative arrangements for famine, and that the latter would be in danger of being neglected. The concentration of Sirdars, Thakurs, and police at head-quarters during a time of famine would also be injurious to proper famine administration. I may quote for instance the case of Ajmer, where most of the district police would have to be called into head-quarters, at a time when famine may be expected to occasion an abnormal increase in crime.

If there is no sufficient rain in the first half of September it is my regretful but deliberate opinion that His Royal Highness should not come to Rajputana at all. If there is abundant rain in this period, he might still go to Udaipur and perhaps Bhurtpore, which will be in fair condition. But in my opinion the visits to Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bikaner may be given up at once.

I may very shortly be asking you for a Famine Commissioner for Rajputana (including Ajmer-Merwara). I have sounded Dobbs as to whether he would care for the appointment, and he tells me that he would. If this can be arranged, I should be delighted, as he is a real good worker and energetic. In that case perhaps C. C. Watson could come back here as First Assistant. I would like a Civilian, and he knows the billet and would suit me very well.

I shall be very glad if you can send me the other Assistant you kindly said you would try and find me. If the Royal visit to Ajmer is abandoned, I shall not of course want him for that; but this threatened famine has already thrown a heavy amount of work on us. Dobbs is rushed with work, and at present he is not well. It is very inconvenient having no one to fall back on. St. John must remain at Abu.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. G. COLVIN.

P. S.—Thanks for sending me Stewart for Merwara.

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No. 231.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 6th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

In continuation of my telegram of the 1st September, I enclose Sir H. White's letter regarding the proposal that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should open the Victoria Memorial Park in Rangoon.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from Sir H. T. White, dated 25th August 1905 (No. 170).

No. 232.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 7th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I enclose the Foreign Department Memoranda on Native States.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Memoranda on Native States.

No. 233.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 9th September 1905, 6-45 p. m.

Private. Commander-in-Chief has reported that owing to deficiency of rainfall and consequent scarcity of fodder and water it will be impossible to carry out proposed manœuvres for Prince of Wales in December. He suggests that troops might be reviewed at convenient centres such as Rawal Pindi, Peshawar, or Mian Mir. Will you kindly ascertain His Royal Highness's wishes in the matter? Government of India deeply deplore necessary change in plans.

No. 234.

To W. S. MEYER, Esq., C. I. E., Secy. to Govt. of India, Financial Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR MEYER,

I transfer a letter from the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces, forwarding an estimate of the expenditure anticipated in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from H. G. S. Tyler, Esq., dated 11th September 1905 (No. 175).

No. 235.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

The Viceroy asked me to tell you that he had succeeded in beating down Wutzler, who has now consented to take the contract for a more reasonable sum.

2. I enclose another letter from Colvin (dated 8th instant) about Rajputana. Since it was written the condition of affairs has happily been improved by general rain-fall. His Excellency hopes to be able to telegraph further about the Rajputana portion of the tour in a few days.

3. I send a few prints.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-Genl. in Rajputana, and Chief Commr., Ajmere-Merwara, to S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

Camp Ajmer, September 8th, 1905.

MY DEAR FRASER,

Please refer to the correspondence regarding the visit of the Prince of Wales to Rajputana which ended with my demi-official letter of the 2nd September.

I have now heard from Pinhey, who has been on tour in the northern parts of Mewar, that conditions there are as bad as they can be, although prospects are still fair in the south of the State. It seems certain, therefore, that relief will have to be administered on a considerable scale in Mewar; and in these circumstances I am reluctantly compelled to advise that the visit of the Prince of Wales to Udaipur shall be abandoned. The Maharana, as it is, is very difficult to move; and, if he were engaged in preparations for the visit, we should be able to get nothing out of him in the way of famine relief at all.

As to Bhurtpore, there is but little prospect of there being any duck-shooting at all. The *jheel* was absolutely dry when I visited it; and the local experts say that it cannot be filled unless 8 inches of rain fall in two days in Jaipur territory so as to occasion a high flood in the rivers which feed the *jheel*. This seems very unlikely. There will, moreover, be a considerable amount of distress in the State, and the test works are already attracting large numbers. With no duck-shooting, and famine threatening, Bhurtpore will not be an attractive place; and it must, I fear, be considered whether the Prince's visit to this State also should not be given up. In fact the continued absence of rain in the States which were to be visited, and the symptoms now apparent of an early cessation of the monsoon, seem to make it advisable that the whole tour to Rajputana should be abandoned.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. G. COLVIN.

No. 236.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, Burma, Maymyo.
Telegram, 15th September 1905, 4-12 p. m.

Your telegram 227, dated 14th instant. Estimates should be submitted to Government of India in Finance Department.

No. 237.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Chief Commr., N.-W. Frontier Province, Nathiagali.

Telegram, 15th September 1905, 6-30 p. m.

Your letter of 7th August was transferred to Finance Department on 11th August. I am sending them copy of your letter of 13th September.

No. 238.

To W. S. MEYER, Esq., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR MEYER,

In continuation of my letter of the 11th August I forward a copy of a letter from O'Dwyer, in which he asks for a very early answer to his letter of the 7th August, forwarding an estimate of proposed expenditure in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from Mr. O'Dwyer, dated 13th September 1905 (No. 176).

No. 239.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 18th September 1905, 7 p. m.

Private. Can you ask Sir Walter Lawrence if we may have telegraphic reply to Private Secretary's letter of August 6th about Prince's entry into Calcutta? Quarter-Master-General is also pressing for reply to my telegram to you of 9th September about manœuvres, since contracts cannot be further delayed. I propose to telegraph final advice about Rajputana very shortly.

No. 240.

To A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR JELF,

His Excellency the Viceroy accepts the recommendation of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that the Regent of Maler Kotla should be allowed to visit His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) B. NATHAN.

No. 241.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Telegram, 19th September 1905, 4-35 p. m.

Prince of Wales approves entry into Calcutta by Prinsep's Ghat.

No. 242.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, Bundi.

Telegram, 19th September 1905, 4-50 p. m.

Your telegram dated 15th September to Foreign Department. Viceroy is rejoiced at great improvement in situation and at probability of carrying out greater part of Royal tour in Rajputana. But your telegram does not enable Viceroy to advise Prince as to what to include or exclude, and His Excellency would like your definite advice as to Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bhurtpur; since if any or all of these are omitted, tour must be recast.

Is it safe to proceed on assumption that original tour can take place or should modifications be made at once?

No. 243.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Burma, Maymyo.

Telegram, 19th September 1905, 6-30 p.m.

Prince of Wales will open Victoria Memorial Park, Rangoon.

No. 244.

To H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 19th, 1905.

DEAR SIR HERBERT WHITE,

With reference to your letter of the 12th September, His Excellency the Viceroy desires me to say that he entirely agrees with your view that it is not necessary that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales should receive the principal *pardah-nashin* Mohamedan ladies during her stay in Rangoon, and that he approves of the reply which you propose to make.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 245.

To W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secy. to H. H. the Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR GOURLAY,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th September. It is of course the case that the time for the Prince of Wales' arrival is not a matter for the Royal Reception Committee. Since I received your letter the Prince of Wales has intimated that he will adopt the Prinsep's Ghât route, and I have telegraphed to His Honour to that effect. The time suggested by General Beatson would seem to be all right, but His Honour will no doubt settle this detail in communication with him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 246.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 20th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

The question has been raised of the precedence which should be accorded to the members of the Staff of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales while they are in India. A solution is suggested in the table appended to this letter, which has been framed in consultation with General Beatson. It has been drawn up on the principle prevailing in India that precedence should follow official and not personal rank. Will you please intimate whether the arrangement proposed in the table is considered suitable?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Precedence of the Prince of Wales' staff.

Name.	Proposed No. in the Indian Warrant of Precedence.	Brief statement of reasons.
Sir Walter Lawrence	After 16	As the senior member of the staff should be given a high place on the list. Immediately below the Judges would seem suitable. This is a lower place than was assigned to Sir Bartle Frere, who had, however, held high office in India.
General Beatson ...	25	Major-General.
Sir A. Bigge ...	40	As heads of the households of the Prince and Princess of Wales these officers have been graded with the Private Secretary to the Viceroy.
* Lord Shaftesbury		

Doctor, equerries, and A.-D.-C.'s to take precedence according to their military rank.

* Lady Shaftesbury and Lady Eva Dugdale would receive the precedence granted to them in the Indian warrant, *i e.*, immediately after the wives of Members of the Viceroy's Council.

No. 247.

TO THE HON'BLE MAJOR-GENERAL SIR E. R. ELLES, K. C. B., K. C. I. E., Military
Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR EDMOND,

The Viceroy agrees on both points mentioned in General Sclater's letter, namely, (1) that the Ballabgarh proposal must be abandoned, and (2) that the *locale* of the manœuvres may be transferred to the Rawalpindi district, if the local authorities agree. As soon as the file comes back to him His Excellency will telegraph to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 248.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Resident, Mysore.

Telegram, 21st September 1905, 11 a. m.

My letter of the 26th August. Shall be greatly obliged if you can send at once report regarding suggestion that Prince of Wales should visit electric works on the Cauvery.

No. 249.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Resident, Jaipur.

Telegram, 21st September 1905, 5-45 p. m.

Can you telegraph me confidentially for information of Viceroy exact position and prospects in Jaipur, numbers on relief, &c.? Question of Royal visit has to be decided and must be determined by these considerations.

No. 250.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay.

* Telegram, 21st September 1905, 2 p. m.

Question of address to Prince from Bombay University has been referred to me from home for decision in accordance with our Home Department Circular of August 14th. It seems to me clear in these circumstances that address should be refused. Do you concur?

No. 251.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

In my letter of the 22nd May I promised to send you later proofs of the Gazetteer articles when I got them. Burn, the Editor, has not been able to prepare them in time, and I have therefore arranged with him that he should have the articles reprinted and set up here and bound into convenient book form. A number of copies will be sent to you at Bombay. They may be useful for the staff, as well as for Their Royal Highnesses.

2. I had hoped to send you a second copy of the Memoranda of the Foreign Department on Native States by this mail. But Fraser tells me that they are having the book prepared in a more suitable form, and that he will give me two copies in time to forward to you by next mail.

3. I enclose the usual prints.

4. I send telegrams to and from Colvin about the condition of Rajputana in connection with His Royal Highness' tour. The Viceroy will probably be able to telegraph about the subject to-day.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Telegram from Agent to the Govr.-General, Rajputana, dated 15th September 1905 (No. 179).

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„	from	„	„	„	„	„	„	20th	„	„	(No. 186).

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 22nd September 1905, 10 p. m.

Private. Kindly communicate following to Sir Walter Lawrence:—I have been in telegraphic correspondence with Agent Governor-General and Political Officers, Rajputana, and their advice is as follows: Recent rain has partially alleviated position, but famine still threatens in Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bhurtpore. Colvin recommends that Bhurtpore should in any case be excluded, since, apart from famine, there will be no water in lake. If no rain falls in next three weeks Ajmer and Jaipur will be equally impossible. If immediate decision required, he recommends omission of all three. Jaipur Maharaja would of course be greatly disappointed.

My inclination would be to announce immediate abandonment of Bhurtpore, to inform Chiefs that no assemblage can take place at Ajmer, but to reserve possibility of private visit by Prince in order to see Mayo College, and to hold over Jaipur decision till end of month, requesting Maharaja in meantime to slacken preparations which are monopolising attention of people. Udaipur and Bikanir may stand in any case. In the event of these suggestions being acceptable to His Royal Highness, spare time might be devoted to longer stay at Bikanir and Udaipur, both of whom have solicited this honour. If Jaipur also is omitted, it might be desirable to add brief visit at later date to Begum of Bhopal, who has been much hurt at omission.

If Ajmer and Jaipur are both excluded, Daly urges that Prince should visit Indore instead, and receive Central India Chiefs there, proceeding to Udaipur and Bikanir according to programme.

Manœuvres—Commander-in-Chief reports that although Ballahgarh is impracticable, recent rainfall in Northern Punjab will render concentration possible in country between Pindi and Hassan Abdal. He therefore suggests four days' manœuvres and review on fifth day at Pindi. Will you kindly wire Prince's decision on both these subjects?

No. 253.

To A. PEDLER, Esq., C. I. E., F. R. S., Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 22nd, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 15th March, I am desired by His Excellency the Chancellor of the Calcutta University to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously intimated that he

will be pleased to allow the honorary degree of D. L. of the Calcutta University to be conferred on him during his visit to Calcutta. It is proposed that the ceremony shall take place on the afternoon of the 1st January 1906.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN,
Private Secretary to the Viceroy.

No. 254.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to H. H. the Lieut.-Governor, United Provinces.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 25th, 1905.

MY DEAR TYLER,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter of the 8th May, I am desirous to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be pleased to unveil the statue of Her late Majesty the Queen-Empress at Agra. Will you kindly inform the Honorary Secretary of the Memorial Fund? According to the programme the ceremony will take place on the 18th December at 4 p. m.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 255.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Rajputana, Abu.

* Telegram, 27th September 1905, 5 p. m.

Instructions received from Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness greatly regrets condition of Rajputana and desires that expression of his deep sympathy may be conveyed to suffering localities. He has decided to forego visit to Ajmer and to Bhurtpore State to whom expression of Their Royal Highnesses' sincere regret should be conveyed. He is disposed also to omit visit to Jaipur; but is willing to wait until end of month before final decision, if Viceroy thinks this desirable. Kindly advise on this point. Prince is reluctant to put Chiefs to any expense, but adds that if any of them wish to come to Agra, with

small inexpensive retinues, he will gladly receive them there. This will depend in main upon retention or omission of Jaipur, because in latter case Prince will go to Indore instead to receive Central India Chiefs, thus freeing Agra from visits of latter. Please advise if in this case you would recommend any visits from Rajput Chiefs to Agra. Re-arrangement of plans will probably enable Prince in any case to give another day to Bikanir.

No. 256.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor, U. P., Nainital.

* Telegram, 27th September 1905, 4 p. m.

Prince's visit to Bhurtpore has been given up. Arrangements must therefore be made for return by motor to Agra from Fatehpur Sikri.

No. 257.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay, Ganeshkhind.

* Telegram, 27th September 1905, 5-30 p. m.

Your telegram of 26th. Bombay University address. Will you kindly inform Vice-Chancellor?

No. 258.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 27th September 1905, 4-30 p. m.

Private. Your private telegram of 26th September. Please inform Sir Walter Lawrence :

Prince's instructions will be carried out. Question of retaining Jaipur or substituting visits of Chiefs to Agra has been referred to Colvin whose final advice will be reported without delay. I have arranged with Commander-in-Chief to reduce manœuvres to three days with fourth day for review, and after discussion with Beatson propose following re-arrangement of programme. Leave Peshawar, as now, December 4th, manœuvres 5th to 8th; Jammu 9th and 10th being Sunday; Amritsar 11th; Delhi 12th to 15th; Agra 16th to 19th; Gwalior 20th to 25th. This will give third day's shooting at Gwalior. Kindly wire if these proposals are approved.

No. 259.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., 22 Sloane Gardens, London.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, September 27th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

I am sending with this letter :—

- (a) five copies of a booklet containing the brief descriptions sent by the local Governments of leading Native gentlemen who may be presented to His Royal Highness;
- (b) the usual set of prints.

Fraser tells me that the Foreign Department are sending to you direct two more copies of the notes on Native States.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 260.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 29th September 1905, 7-45 p. m.

Private. My private telegram of 27th instant. Please inform Sir Walter Lawrence :—

Colvin advises that Jaipur should be retained in programme, subject to condition that Sardars from outlying districts are excused attendance, and that preparations for Royal visit do not in any way upset organisation to cope with scarcity. I think that Prince might call his visit a private one, and ask that illuminations and decorations be dispensed with. If famine works are in operation at time His Royal Highness might perhaps visit them. Further, as there is not likely to be tiger shooting at Jaipur, a day might be saved there and added to Bikanir. Colvin advises against invitation of Rajput Chiefs to Agra, because their absence with Political Officers would hamper famine administration in their States.

I would propose that spare time between departure from Bombay and arrival at Udaipur should be spent either at Bhopal or Indore, and am asking Daly which he recommends.

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No. 261.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Agent to Governor-General, Indore.

Telegram, 29th September 1905, 7-40 p. m.

Change in Prince of Wales' plans will also admit of time between departure of Royal party from Bombay on 14th and arrival at Udaipur on morning of 18th being spent in Central India. Would you recommend that His Royal Highness should spend the two days available, apart from railway journeys, at Bhopal or Indore? In latter case, Chiefs who are there for Daly College function could be kept on for 10 days intervening.

No. 262.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor,
Naini Tal.

Telegram, 29th September 1905, 9 p. m.

Your telegram of 28th instant. Prince will stay at Agra night of 19th and leave for Gwalior next morning.

No. 263.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 30th September 1905, 9 p. m.

Private. Please inform Sir Walter Lawrence in continuation of my telegram of 29th instant that Daly strongly advises visit by Prince of Wales to Indore in preference to Bhopal. Leading Central India Chiefs, including Begum, will be assembled at Indore. Moreover, Bhopal is not well off at present, and it would be desirable to avoid expense of independent visit, I entirely agree with Daly, and recommend that Prince should leave Bombay 14th or 15th, reach Indore 15th or 16th, stay there till night of 17th, and arrive Udaipur morning 18th. Early decision will be very acceptable.

No. 264.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Agent to the Govr.-Genl. in Central India, Indore.

* Telegram, 4th October 1905, 3 p. m.

Orders have now been received from Prince of Wales, who will leave Bombay night of November 14th, arrive Indore afternoon of 15th, spend 16th and 17th there, and leave night of 17th for Udaipur. Announcement may be made.

No. 265.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal, Darjeeling.

* Telegram, 4th October 1905, 4-30 p. m.

Viceroy will be glad to know what general arrangements you are making at Calcutta for arrival of Prince, illuminations, preparations of routes, and so forth. So far as he knows, functions of Reception Committee are confined to entertainment on Maidan. There will be, however, a great deal to be done in connection with other public ceremonies and occasions. As Civil, Military, Municipal, and private interests are concerned, would it not be well to form small working Committee on which all of these are represented? Correspondence with bodies and persons concerned could be conducted by its Secretary, and you could make general arrangements through it. Local Government should assume responsibility for visit to University and foundation of Victoria Hall.

No. 266.

The following revised programme of the first portion of the tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales is forwarded for publication :—

Arrive in Bombay ...	... November 9th (afternoon).
Bombay ...	... „ 9th—14th.
Indore ...	... „ 15th—17th.
Udaipur ...	... „ 18th—20th.
Jaipur ...	... „ 21st—23rd.
Bikanir ...	... „ 24th—27th.
Lahore ...	... „ 28th—December 1st.

Peshawar	...	... December	2nd—4th.
Manœuvres near Pindi	...	..	5th—8th.
Jammu	...	... ..	9th—10th.
Amritsar	...	... ..	11th.
Delhi ..	...	... ..	12th—15th.
Agra ...	...	... ..	16th—19th.
Gwalior	...	... ..	20th—25th.

4th October 1905.

No. 267.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G., H. M. S. *Renown*,
Port Said, Egypt.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 5th, 1905.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Royal Highness' gracious letter written from Abergeldie. It would be impossible to imagine a letter more graciously expressed or more complimentary to the recipient. Since then matters have changed owing to the ever memorable and considerate intervention of His Majesty the King, and now the Viceroy is to have the great honour of receiving Your Royal Highnesses in person. Not a word of thanks is due for any of the preparations or arrangements that have been made. All has been a labour of love, and the wonderful tact and readiness of Your Royal Highness to fall in with constantly changing plans and advice has made the task of those who have been working for you a genuine pleasure.

At last the Rajputana difficulties have been settled, and settled I think in the right way. Some of the tour, as originally sketched out, is shorn of its splendour; but not much. Those lucky rains just saved us from disaster. Colvin, the Agent to the Governor-General, is staying with me up here, and I am going through everything with him. The Ajmer Municipality have prepared a casket of which they are very proud, and, as they will not have the opportunity of presenting it at Ajmer railway station, through which Your Royal Highness' train will now pass at night, I have told them that they may come down to Jaipur, and that Your Royal Highness will honour them by accepting it there. The Resident at Udaipur is also here and tells me that he can manage a duck shoot on the big lake in the early morning. Bikanir will be enchanted at getting the two mornings at Gujner. I believe that there will be plenty of water now.

The enforced omission of Bhurtpore is very sad. For we flatter ourselves that it is by far the finest duck shoot in the world, both for number of birds and height of flight, and Your Royal Highness would have had the day of your life. But it appears that the *jheels* will be entirely dry, so the thing is impossible.

Lord Kitchener has been pressing hard for another day at the manoeuvres. But this was impossible, as it would have disorganised the entire programme.

Mrs. Haig is here, a most delightful addition to our rather restricted society.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highness' faithful
and obedient servant,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 268.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 5th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

Please refer to the third item in paragraph 3 of my letter of the 31st August. An endeavour has been made to fit in a visit to the electric works on the Cauvery in the Mysore programme, but Williams has now telegraphed that it is not possible.

2. I send the usual prints.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 268a.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay, Ootacamund.

* Telegram, 7th October 1905, 3-15 p. m.

Addresses forwarded to us by Edgerley include one from Native ladies to Princess of Wales. In view of Prince's orders as to narrow restriction of addresses do you wish this to be presented?

No. 269.

TO MAJOR-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 10th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Viceroy will settle with the Prince of Wales and Sir Walter Lawrence at Bombay the question whether Their Royal Highnesses should visit Simla.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

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No. 270.'

TO MAJOR-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 10th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I send a copy of correspondence regarding a doctor to attend on the Princess of Wales during her stay at Agra. You will see that Her Royal Highness has consented to utilise the services of Birdwood, Civil Surgeon of Agra.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter to Surgeon-General G. Bomford, dated 21st August 1905 (No. 210).
" from " " " " " (No. 163).
" to Sir Walter Lawrence, dated 23rd August 1905 (No. 214).
" from " " " 18th September 1905 (No. 183a).

No. 271.

TO SURGEON-GENERAL G. BOMFORD, C. I. E., I. M. S.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 10th, 1905.

DEAR DR. BOMFORD,

I have heard from Sir Walter Lawrence that Her Royal Highness will be glad to utilise the services of Birdwood, Civil Surgeon of Agra, during her stay there.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 272.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 12th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

You know all about Muhammad Bukhtyar Shah and the Mysore ladies. He is a poor creature who lately went bankrupt, and they

are a lot of miserable females huddled into a rather squalid and poverty-stricken zenana. Lady Curzon was persuaded to visit them in 1899 by Lady Woodburn. But the precedent is one that it does not seem desirable to keep up, and the pretensions of the family to "royal descent" are not of a character that appears to the Viceroy to demand encouragement.

2. The Viceroy will be much obliged if you will telegraph whether the arrangements regarding the precedence of His Royal Highness' Staff proposed in my letter of the 20th September are approved.

3. I send the usual prints.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM PRINCE MUHAMMAD BUKHTYAR SHAH, C. I. E.

87, Dhurruhtollah Street, Calcutta, October 3rd, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

As I understand that Their Royal Highnesses will visit the residence of many Indian Chiefs, so I take the liberty of stating that the ladies of my family are most desirous and eager to personally present an address to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and thus express their loyalty to their Sovereign once in the course of their lives for, being *purdanashin* ladies, they are precluded from taking part in any public function.

I venture, therefore, on their behalf to beg that you will kindly lay the matter before His Excellency the Viceroy and solicit the favour of his arranging with Her Royal Highness to be graciously pleased to pay a visit either to my mother's residence at Tollygunge or at my residence No. 87, Dhurruhtollah Street, kindly provided for me by Government whichever may be convenient to Her Royal Highness, to receive an address from the ladies of the Mysore family, which act of condescension will be gratefully nurtured in their memories and will be most gratifying to all the members of the Mysore family; and I feel sure too that Her Royal Highness will be pleased to become acquainted with the inner life of an Indian family of Royal descent. In this connection I may mention that Her Excellency Lady Curzon was pleased to favour my mother's residence at Tollygunge with a visit and to receive an address from the ladies of the Mysore family on the 29th January 1900; and this fact is very gratefully remembered by them.

If I am so fortunate as to be favoured with a compliance of my request by Her Royal Highness, I will ask a few selected ladies of the Mysore family and will also invite a few European ladies of good social position to be present on the occasion of the Royal visit, which I need hardly add will not be in the nature of a public function.

I remain, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M^r. BUKHTYAR SHAH.

TO PRINCE MUHAMMAD BUKHTYAR SHAH, C. I. E., 87, Dhurrumtollah Street, Calcutta.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 6th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter will be submitted through Sir W. Lawrence to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

But His Excellency cannot feel at all confident that Her Royal Highness will be able in view of her many engagements in Calcutta to find the time for the visit that you suggest.

I remain, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 273.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 12th, 1905.

DEAR SIR WALTER,

In your letter to the Viceroy of the 4th July you asked to see the orders issued to enforce obedience to the King's wishes that ceremonial presents shall not be offered. I enclose a copy of the orders.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

No. 1257-I -C., dated Fort William, the 1st April 1905.

From—The Under-Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department,
To—

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.
The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.
The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Assam.
The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India.
The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana.
The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan.
The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General in the
The Resident at Baroda. North-West Frontier Province.
The Resident in Nepal.
The Resident in Kashmir.

I am to invite your attention to the fact that, in the official communiqué which appeared in the daily papers between the 27th February and 1st March, on the subject of the arrangements for the visit to the Indian Empire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, it was announced that His Majesty has been pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Government, after consultation with the Viceroy, to direct that the exchange of ceremonial presents on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses shall be dispensed with.

2. In explanation of the above notice, I am to say that the phrase employed relates to all presents of whatever description either from Indian Chiefs or Nobles or from private persons to either of Their Royal Highnesses ; but that it does not apply to such public bodies as may be accorded the honour of addressing Their Royal Highnesses in a formal way. The local officers will be held responsible in each case that these orders are strictly observed.

FROM S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

Simla,

1905

[*Confidential.*]

DEAR ,

With reference to Foreign Department circular No. 1257-I. C., dated 1st April 1905, in which it is directed that local officers everywhere shall be held responsible for the strict observance of the order to dispense with the exchange of ceremonial presents on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Princess of Wales to India, I

* To Bombay and Madras.

† To Bengal, United Provinces, Punjab, and Burma.

am desirous to suggest that (with the permission of * His Excellency the Governor in Council) a confidential demi-official letter, in the form of which a copy is enclosed herewith, together with a copy of the

Foreign Department circular of 1st April 1905, shall be addressed to the officer appointed to be on special duty (*vide* Foreign Department letter, dated 19th September 1905) with His Royal Highness during his stay in the

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) S. M. FRASER.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.

The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India.

The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana.

The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan.

The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Ajmer-Merwara.

The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General in the North-West Frontier Province.

The Resident in Nepal.

The Resident in Kashmir.

[*Confidential.*]

(DEMI-OFFICIAL.)

I am instructed to hand to you a copy of the enclosed letter from the Government of India, dated 1st April 1905, in which His Majesty the King's commands were issued to the

effect that no presents of whatever description are to be given to either of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales during their forthcoming tour in India, and that the local officers will be held responsible in each case that these orders are strictly obeyed.

I am now desired by the Government of India to remind you confidentially of these orders, and to request you to display the utmost vigilance in seeing that they are scrupulously attended to during that portion of the Royal tour for which you will be on special political duty with His Royal Highness.

No. 274.

To H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 12th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR TYLER,

Sir Walter Lawrence has intimated that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will be glad to have the services of Captain Birdwood, I. M. S., Civil Surgeon of Agra, during her stay at that place.

Captain Birdwood should be informed so that he may not be away from Agra, and he should also be warned that if his services should be required, he will be responsible for the case and must use his own judgment as to treatment and see that everything he considers necessary is done.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 275.

To SURGEON-GENERAL G. BOMFORD, C. I. E., I. M. S., Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 12th, 1905.

DEAR DR. BOMFORD,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday about Birdwood. I have written to the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor in the terms used in your second paragraph.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 276.

To W. S. MEYER, Esq., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Finance Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR MEYER,

I forward a letter* from Colonel Deane, in which he protests against the reduction of the estimate of the expenditure to be incurred in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to the North-West Frontier Province.

His Excellency will be glad to have the opinion of the Finance Department on Colonel Deane's remarks.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Dated 11th October 1905. (No. 210).

No. 277.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 14th October 1905, 7 p. m.

Private. Please communicate to Sir Walter Lawrence: I am assuming, in issuing private instructions about dinner and banquets, that bands will play National Anthem for toast of King-Emperor and God bless the Prince of Wales for toast of Prince. Is this right?

No. 278.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 14th October 1905, 7-30 p. m.

Private. Please communicate to Sir Walter Lawrence: It appears that *Renown* must leave Diamond Harbour at 8 A. M. on January 10th. Beatson and I recommend that Royal party should proceed straight from Darjeeling to Diamond Harbour on 9th, leaving Darjeeling later on 8th, and not re-entering Calcutta. In that case State Ball would have to be shifted to 4th. Does His Royal Highness agree?

No. 279.

- To L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Madras.
 „ J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.
 „ H. H. SIR CHARLES RIVAZ, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.
 „ H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.
 „ H. H. SIR JAMES LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces.
 „ H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.
 „ THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier Province.
 „ THE HON'BLE MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C. I. E., Offg. Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan.
 „ THE HON'BLE MR. C. S. BAYLEY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Resident at Hyderabad.
 „ THE HON'BLE MR. A. WILLIAMS, Offg. Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
 „ THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Rajputana.
 „ THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 17th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR———

I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy to inform

His Excellency Lord Amthill
His Excellency Lord Darnley
 you

confidentially that the following procedure will be adopted, by command of His Majesty the King, for the toasts that will be proposed at the various official banquets to be attended by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The host will first propose the toast of "His Majesty the King-Emperor" without any speech. The National Anthem will be played, and the toast drunk. The host will then propose, also without a speech, the health of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales;" and, where Her Royal Highness is also present, of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The band will play "God bless the Prince of Wales." His Royal Highness will reply with a simple expression of his thanks.

This practice will only be departed from when His Royal Highness is the guest of Princes in Native States. On these occasions the health of the King-Emperor will be drunk as above. The Chief, however, will probably desire to make a short speech in proposing the health of His Royal Highness; and His Royal Highness will similarly make a few observations about the Chief and the State in reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 280.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 17th, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

Tidal considerations render it imperative that the *Renown* should leave Diamond Harbour not later than 8 A. M. on January the 10th. This makes it impossible to hold the State Ball on Tuesday, the 9th, and the following modifications in the arrangements have been sanctioned :— The Royal Party will proceed straight from Darjeeling to Diamond Harbour on the 9th, and will not re-enter Calcutta. The date for the State Ball will be shifted to the 4th.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 281.

To H. H. RISLEY, Esq, C. S. I., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR RISLEY,

I send a telegram from Burma about police arrangements in connection with the tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

From Burma to Military Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Maymyo, 14th October 1905.

633-C. Shall we receive any special rules for protection of person of Prince, or may we adopt rules for protection of Viceroy?

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No. 282.

TO MAJOR-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I send a copy of a telegram* from Sir H. White about the Burma programme, and I will let you have a copy of the letter to which it refers on its arrival.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

* Dated 19th October 1905.

No. 282a.

TO H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla, October 21st, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW,

I am writing to you about holidays in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Calcutta. The 29th, the day on which he arrives, is a gazetted holiday, so also is the following day, the 30th. The 31st and 1st are holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, and a special holiday has been notified under that Act for the 2nd January, the day of the entertainment on the Maidan.

The Viceroy would like to know whether you think it will also be desirable to gazette another holiday, and whether in that case the 5th January (the day of the laying of the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall) will be the most suitable.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 283.

Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence, H. M. S. *Renown*, Suez.

Telegram, Viceroy's Camp, 29th October 1905, 12-20 p. m.

Would Prince prefer to be received by Viceroy on landing at Prinsep's Ghat, where address is presented by Municipality, or with full ceremonial, as originally proposed, on steps of Government House?

No. 284.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor, Bengal.

Telegram, Viceroy's Camp, 29th October 1905, 2-30 p. m.

Arrangements at Howrah, Prinsep's Ghat, and Government House will be telegraphed to you in a day or two. Viceroy will of course be responsible for all functions at Government House. But arrangements for Convocation and foundation stone should be made by Local Government, subject to approval of Viceroy.

No. 285.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to General Beatson.

Telegram, Viceroy's Camp, 29th October 1905, 2-30 p. m.

Please refer to Sir Herbert White's letter of 15th October to me, and inform him direct if any modifications are needed in his programme.

No. 286.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor, Burma.

Telegram, Viceroy's Camp, 29th October 1905, 2-30 p. m.

Your letter of 15th October. Prince of Wales' tour. Copy has been sent to General Beatson, who has been asked to let you know if any modifications are necessary. No objection to publication.

No. 287.

To A. H. DIACK, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Lahore.

Viceroy's Camp, Lahore, October 30th, 1905.

MY DEAR DIACK,

As His Royal Highness is participating in no University function except the receiving of a Degree at Calcutta, it might create jealousy were he to open the Punjab University Hall. The Viceroy therefore thinks that it would be better that he should not perform this ceremony.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 288.

To H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Viceroy's Camp, Lahore, October 31st, 1905.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I am ill in bed with a shocking cough and sharp attack of fever. I hope I shall throw it off in time for Bombay.

If you would prefer to introduce your own functionaries at the landing stage, I have no objection. But whom do you include under this heading? Officials or Native Chiefs or both? I have no feeling one way or the other, except that I do not quite know what I am to do, and if you are introducing the Prince who is to look after and introduce the Princess?

I think that in 1875 the case was different, because there were so many Government of India Chiefs and officials there.

Yours ever,
(Sd.) CURZON.

No. 288a.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, Calcutta.

Telegram, 1st November 1905, 3-45 p. m.

Your telegram dated 31st October. Viceroy accepts your advice that Wednesday, 3rd January, should be notified as extra holiday in honour of Prince of Wales' visit to Calcutta, arrangements being made, as you propose, for 5th.

No. 288b.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Home Department, Simla.

Telegram, 1st November 1905, 3-45 p. m.

Viceroy has decided, in consultation with Lieutenant-Governor, that Wednesday, 3rd January, should be notified as extra holiday in honour of Prince of Wales' visit to Calcutta. Arrangements will be made locally for at least half holiday on January 5th, the date of laying foundation stone of Victoria Memorial Hall.

No. 288c.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, Calcutta.

Telegram, 3rd November 1905, 1-10 p. m.

Your telegram of November 2nd. I do not understand allusion to your telegram of 31st October. Only telegram received from you bearing that date related to holidays, and I have sent reply to it. Possibly reference should be to your telegram of 28th. With regard to that telegram Viceroy has wired to Lawrence at Aden enquiring whether Prince would prefer to be received by Viceroy at Prinsep's Ghat or on steps of Government House. You are right in arranging for presentation of Municipal address at Prinsep's Ghat.

No. 289.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Lieut.-Governor, Bengal, Calcutta.

Telegram, 4th November 1905, 3-40 p. m.

Continuation my telegram of yesterday. Prince of Wales should be met at Howrah by Lieutenant-Governor and principal Bengal officials, and also by Howrah Municipality, but not by Calcutta Municipality. Lieutenant-Governor and officers should accompany Prince by river to Prinsep's Ghât. There His Royal Highness should be welcomed by Calcutta Municipality and address read. All Bengal officers, merchants and wives, native gentry, and zemindars should properly be at Ghât where reception would be Bengal reception. While Prince is driving round Maidan Lieutenant-Governor and as many of above as possible should proceed to Government House where Prince will be received on steps by Viceroy, Government of India officials, Judges, Military and Naval officers, foreign Consuls, &c. You should arrange details in consultation with Home Department.

No. 290.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Secretary, Home Department.

Telegram, 4th November 1905, 3-40 p. m.

Arrangements for arrival of Prince of Wales at Calcutta have been settled by Viceroy in communication with His Royal Highness and following instructions have been issued to Lieutenant-Governor :—

Begins. Continuation my telegram of yesterday. Prince of Wales should be met at Howrah by Lieutenant-Governor and principal Bengal officials, and also by Howrah Municipality, but not by Calcutta Municipality. Lieutenant-Governor and officers should accompany Prince by river to Prinsep's Ghât. There His Royal Highness should be welcomed by Calcutta Municipality and address read. All Bengal officers, merchants and wives, native gentry, and zemindars should properly be at Ghât where reception would be Bengal reception. While Prince is driving round Maidan Lieutenant-Governor and as many of above as possible should proceed to Government House where Prince will be received on steps by Viceroy, Government of India officials, Judges, Military and Naval officers, foreign Consuls, &c. You should arrange details in consultation with Home Department. *Ends.*

No. 291.

Viceroy to H. R. H. Prince of Wales, Bombay.

Telegram, Agra, 11th November 1905, 12-55 p. m.

I hope that Your Royal Highnesses are getting through your programme without fatigue, and that all continues well. Lady Curzon and I were greatly touched at your gracious reception of us. We have just arrived here, and I am making good progress towards recovery.

No. 292.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence, Bombay.

Telegram, Agra, 11th November 1905, 1-10 p. m.

Darbhanga has written a letter asking permission of Viceroy to present an address to Prince of Wales from a Hindu Association called Bharata

Dharma Mahamandala. This is intended as a sort of set off to Prince's proposed visit to Aligarh. Darbhanga has also endeavoured to anticipate consent of Prince by publishing his telegram to you in newspapers. Viceroy thinks this a most improper proceeding. It is entirely contrary to orders concerning addresses to Prince, and Local Government does not appear to have even been consulted.

Viceroy thinks that address should either be refused outright or Darbhanga referred to Local Government. In latter case Viceroy will communicate facts to Fraser.

No. 293.

Viceroy to Governor of Bombay.

* Telegram, Viceroy's Camp, Agra, 14th November 1905, 1-15 a. m.

Private. Till Lawrence told me on Thursday I have never been informed that Prince brought out with him Warrant to knight. Will you suggest to Lawrence that Viceroy should be officially informed of commands of King? Should His Royal Highness desire, in exercise of prerogative, to knight gentleman named by you, I will gladly withdraw him from Honours' List.

No. 294.

To SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

November 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR WALTER,

Sir Andrew Fraser was duly instructed (on the 24th June) in accordance with the instructions given in your letter of the 31st May that the Prince and Princess did not wish that he and Lady Fraser should put themselves to the trouble of going to Darjeeling to receive or entertain Their Royal Highnesses. The Viceroy does not know whether any later instructions have been given on this subject, but he learnt at Agra that the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fraser propose to go to Darjeeling a few hours in advance of the Royal Party, and to stay in the house during the visit of Their Royal Highnesses. His Excellency thinks that he should let you know this in case you may desire to take any action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. NATHAN.

No. 295.

Viceroy to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Prince of Wales' Camp.

Telegram, 18th November 1905, 7 a. m.

As I am about to leave the shores of India, I ask leave to convey to Your Royal Highnesses my respectful farewell, and to wish you a brilliant and unclouded tour.

No. 296.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir W. R. Lawrence, Prince of Wales' Camp.

* Telegram, Bombay, 18th November 1905.

Following telegram from Secretary of State to Lord Curzon :—

Begins. Arrangements were made with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by Prime Minister direct and action taken was not reported to this office. I heard of it to-day for the first time. I regret inconvenience caused by omission to keep you informed. Please inform me if your suggestion is accepted by His Royal Highness. Warrants empowering His Royal Highness to hold Investitures of the two Indian Orders have been issued. *Ends.*

His Excellency was informed by Lord Curzon that suggestion referred to is that Viceroy should obtain an assurance from you that His Royal Highness will not exercise prerogative of conferring distinction in any case without prior reference to Viceroy. His Excellency considers this suggestion advisable, and hopes it will be acceptable to His Royal Highness.

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LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED.

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No. 1.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 19th December 1904, 10 p. m. (Recd. 20th, 7-30 a. m.)

Private. Prince of Wales's tour. Please send, as soon as possible, suggestions for alternative routes. It will be necessary to have this information in order to estimate expense approximately.

No. 2.

Extract from a letter from Secretary of State to His Excellency the Viceroy, dated the 20th January 1905.

I do not know that I have any fresh subjects to open up this week. The Prince of Wales' tour question must wait awhile. One thing he was most keen about was not being made to do too much, and he thoroughly understands that all the Chiefs cannot be expected to come and do him homage, if he does not travel to as many places as his father did. I do not think he wants his tour to be a source of great expense to anyone. As a matter of fact, sport occupies him much more than ceremonial. Do you, as I am writing upon it, wish that there should be an extension of the various Orders for his visit? I should be *primâ facie* against it, but very possibly we may not be able to stop it.

No. 3.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., January 26th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of 5th instant. It came just in time, for I was sent for on the day of its arrival. I think that His Royal Highness will accept the general lines of the tour. I am thankful that you are sending them north to begin with. His Royal Highness

was convinced by your advice regarding Burma, though neither he nor the Princess wanted to go there. He has taken the tour programme with him to Ireland and I am to see him when he returns. One point I am pressing and that is to leave Baroda severely alone. The Gaekwar will certainly create an unfavourable impression. I told the Prince that he was an ill-conditioned person, and if you advise it, I think he will agree to avoid Baroda. From what I have learned of the tour of 1875-76 the visit to Baroda was accidental and was a great failure.

I understand that it has been absolutely and finally decided that there shall be no presents to the Prince or Princess of *any kind*. Political officers and others should be warned well in advance that they are responsible. I rather dread the idea suggested by you that the Prince should give gold or silver cups to his hosts. It may re-open the question, and I gather that it was somewhat difficult to settle it. If the presents from His Royal Highness are restricted to photos handsomely framed, jewelry, clocks and watches, and cash for servants, there should be no difficulty, but if the Prince goes beyond this, the Chiefs will insist on responding in kind. Might Baring let me know the rates of money presents you give on your tours to servants. It would help me in suggesting amounts for the Prince's presents at places where he is entertained.

I shall do my best to justify the confidence you have shown in me. For many reasons it would have been wiser to have stayed at home to get work, but I want to be the exponent to His Royal Highness of your policy and its beneficial results. From something Sir A. Bigge said to me on Monday last I see that I must sever my connection with the *Times* till the tour is over. I saw Chirol about this yesterday, and he rather gave me hopes that they would be glad to have me back when the tour is over. The India Office of course expected to be asked to nominate, and I know that they used my *Times* connection as an argument against my appointment. The same objection was made to Mackenzie Wallace when he went on the Colonial Tour, and I think it will save embarrassment if I give up the *Times* work at once.

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 4.

*Extract from a letter from Secretary of State to His Excellency the Viceroy,
dated the 26th January 1905.*

I have seen your draft for the Prince of Wales' tour. As regards the money to be spent on his trip, I am to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer

today. India clearly will be asked to pay for his actual entertainment on landing, but I shall certainly press that no other expenditure shall fall upon her. As regards the presents, I agree with you entirely; it will be iniquitous to allow the old system to grow up again, and, having heard from Bigge what your view was, I told him at once that I thought all questions of presents to the Prince should be put on one side. I suppose, however, as you say at the end of your remarks upon it, something must be left in the Prince of Wales' hands to give as an acknowledgment of hospitality. The fact that the Prince of Wales intends to take a very small retinue—I believe about six in all, without counting servants—should bring down the expenses chargeable to India considerably.

No. 5.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., January 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

The Prince of Wales was about to start for Ireland when he received your letter and proposed programme for the tour in India. His Royal Highness desired me to lose no time in expressing to you his best thanks for this very clear and succinct explanation of your proposals, the general outline of which is entirely acceptable to Their Royal Highnesses. He will carefully examine it in detail after his return on the 4th February, and I will then write at further length.

I was also to say that in view of your weighty representations Their Royal Highnesses of course will go to Burma. You must arrange a calm sea for the Princess!!

One other point I was to mention. The Prince would like to see as much as he can of the Native Army, and he feels sure you will agree with him as to the political importance of his doing so.

He therefore hopes that, if possible, you will kindly arrange with Kitchener for a camp of exercise at Rawal Pindi and for the stay there to be extended to five days. The King, I think, spent seven days at manœuvres and camp of exercise.

The newspapers report that Lady Curzon is well enough to rejoin you in India. I only trust that this good news is correct.

Believe me, yours very truly,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

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No. 6.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., Feb. 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

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I am to see His Royal Highness on Sunday. I wonder whom you will recommend as Doctor and Policeman. Several are putting Anderson forward as Doctor. I point out that his experience is ancient, and that he is too old to rush about. I have suggested no names. Charles is an excellent, all-round Doctor. Gimlette is also good. For a policeman Bignell is sharp and experienced. Straight is also above the average. But probably you will have already chosen the men, and you will pardon my presumption in mentioning names. I know Charles and Bignell well. The others I have just met. I will be careful not to make suggestions, but it is a little difficult to avoid giving advice when His Royal Highness or Sir A. Bigge asks me. The only name I have mentioned is Wigram, and I should be most grateful if you could allow him to be attached to the party. If I had him to assist me, I should feel quite happy as to arrangements being really carried out. * *

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 7.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 9th February 1905, 4-15 p. m. (Recd. 10th, 6 a. m.)

Private. Prince of Wales's tour. Please see your private telegram of the 8th instant. Money for Admiralty charges and for grant regarding personal expenses is being taken in the forthcoming budget. It is presumed that cost of entertainment in India will be paid by India, as before. Your view as to presents is accepted. The suite proposed is small.

No. 8.

FROM COL. SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., Feb. 9th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

We are working hard at the Tour Programme and hope to send it to you before long.

The Prince of Wales is following the main lines laid down by you : but in some details there will be alterations.

You suggested that General Beatson should be associated with Sir Walter Lawrence as a sort of Quarter-Master-General of the party. He would, I suppose, be responsible for trains, camps, carriages, servants, food, shooting, guards, &c.; in fact he would discharge the duties which, I gather, devolve upon your own Military Secretary when you are on tour.

Lawrence, on the other hand, I understood from you, would be responsible for the work which falls on your Private Secretary. Perhaps you could suggest some dividing line of duties which would prevent any clashing. Lawrence will be, by His Royal Highness's wish, Head of the Household and Staff, and occupy a position similar to that of Sir Bartle Frere with the late Prince of Wales in India. So that all of us and Beatson would be junior to Lawrence. Disputes are not likely to occur, but I could always act as Arbitrator ! His Royal Highness would like to see General Beatson and would be obliged if he could come to England for a few weeks at some convenient time. He could be consulted upon many details of the Tour and life in India, and should return to India in ample time to prepare for the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses. Under these circumstances, would it be convenient to you to allow Beatson to be in London by the early part of April ? The Prince desires me to thank you for the Railway Map of India which you kindly sent him.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

P. S.—Have you thought anything about a Doctor—a most important question ?

We have heard great praises of *Lieutenant-Colonel F. F. Perry*, who was at Lahore. He is said to be first-rate professionally—good physique—good manners, and generally acceptable socially considered.

A. B.

No. 9.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., February 16th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I went to see the King yesterday with the Prince of Wales. His Majesty went very carefully through the tour, which has been based on your skeleton, after consulting, amongst others, Lord Lansdowne and Lord Roberts. Both the King and the Prince seem to take the keenest

interest in the whole business. My only fear is that the tour will prove tiring, but both the Prince and Princess say that they can do it provided they have plenty of rest and quiet at intervals. They like a quiet life. I hope sincerely that you will be pleased with the scheme. Both the King and the Prince seem anxious that Simla should be seen, but if it is inconvenient, or the weather is bad, perhaps some other place can be substituted between Cawnpore and Bahawalpur. The Prince asked me yesterday to write fully to you on all subjects. At present I think the programme and the memorandum will be as much as you will have leisure for. You will be glad to see that the presents question is settled. The Prince has rather adopted the line you suggested to me, but which, of course, I did not mention to him. Besides handsomely framed prints, he will give to his hosts, things like gold cigarette cases and the like. I do not think that the Government grant will allow of very sumptuous presents. I hope that the question of staff will be settled quickly. The prince only wishes to bring out four equerries and the Princess thinks of bringing two ladies. I have explained the limitation of train accommodation, and they will cut down English servants as much as possible. I wonder whether you could spare Doctor Amir Bakhsh as baggage master, and whether your treasurer could come himself or depute a relative to act as clerk and banker for the party? I will not suggest names to the Prince until I know whether you can spare the men. I think that the Prince will ask for Sir Pertab as head of his Indian A.-D.-C.'s. Doulat Singh, Sir Pertab's adopted son, is an A.-D.-C., but he could be well dispensed with, if Sir Pertab comes; if it can be arranged could I have three copies of the proofs of articles in the new Gazetteer relating to Provinces and towns to be visited? Any letter or parts of letters you mark *private* I will not communicate.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 10.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Marlborough House, February 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Thank you very much for your most kind and graphic letter of the 5th ultimo, which I have studied carefully.

After consulting several experienced persons, a Programme has been drawn up which has been approved by the King, and which we hope to follow. It is based on your own admirable scheme. I am indeed fortunate to have the advantage of your great knowledge and universal experience of India.

With the Programme a little memorandum is forwarded, which I have prepared. There are two points which might be mentioned.

We do not want to revisit any place, and in spite of your most kind invitation that we should return to Calcutta after visiting Hyderabad, I think it will be best to resist your tempting hospitality at Government House.

Next, the proposed to Simla may seem strange, but we really want to see the place where the work of the Indian Empire is conducted for so many months in the year, and where the Viceroy's live. Simla may be empty, and the climate may be unpleasant, but if, without great cost and inconvenience, arrangements could be made to receive a small party in Camp fashion, we should enjoy the experience, be glad of the rest, and be grateful for the opportunity of seeing the Summer Capital of India. But I must make the condition that neither you nor Lady Curzon shall be at the trouble of coming to Simla to entertain us.

I hope you will regard the Programme as *strictly confidential*. Of course the places and dates must be communicated to your officers and others concerned, but please do not make public my intentions as to functions, sightseeing, and sport.

I cannot tell you how much both the Princess and I are looking forward to seeing India, and how glad we are that Lady Curzon's restoration to health raises the hope that you may both be there to greet us and to ensure the success of our tour.

I trust that Lady Curzon has much benefited by her sea voyage and that now she is quite strong again.

Believe me, my dear Viceroy,

most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

MEMORANDUM.

I have adhered very closely to the skeleton of the Viceroy's Programme, and hope that the few modifications which have been made will commend themselves and be convenient to him.

The principles which have guided me are chiefly these. We wish to see as much of India as we can in the limited time between November 9th, 1905, and March 19th, 1906. I am anxious to see as much as possible of the most important problems which are being worked out so vigorously and successfully by the Viceroy: to become acquainted with some of the types of the greater Indian Princes: to see the frontier of India, and to witness a Camp of

the Indian Army. I realise the enormous distances that must be covered, and in order that the tour should not prove too exhausting, and that the impressions of India should be abiding it will be necessary to have intervals for rest and reflection.

I would impress upon the Viceroy that certain places where there may not seem to be materials for a full day's activity will be welcome gaps in this busy tour, and there will be ample resources in writing and in recording impressions and experiences.

Coming now to the Viceroy's letter, it will be seen that owing to the number of places which must be seen in the North, we propose to arrive in Calcutta later than the date which the Viceroy in his kind and proverbial hospitality suggests.

I trust that arrangements can be made for the Viceroy's Cup being run on December 30th, and I hope that the postponement by one week of my arrival in Calcutta will not greatly diminish the number of holiday-makers who, I understand, flock to the Capital at the end of one year and the beginning of another.

The programme includes, as the Viceroy will see, all the events enumerated by him, with the exception of the Chapter of the Star of India.

Burma, by the Viceroy's wish, and for reasons which are conclusive, has been included, but the time given for that Province, though shorter than that suggested by the Viceroy, will, I trust, be sufficiently long to enable us to obtain a fair general impression of the country.

I gather that the Viceroy is not very anxious that we should visit Baroda. I hear that it is both hot and uninteresting, and as we propose to visit another Mahratta Prince at Gwalior, I hope that Baroda may be omitted without serious heartburnings or comment.

I propose, subject of course to the Viceroy's advice, to pay a flying visit to Jammu. The services of the Kashmir State, and the friendship which existed between the King-Emperor and the father of the present Maharaja, rather impel me to pay this compliment to Kashmir.

In Madras we have no great wish to visit either Tanjore or Trichinopoly, and would prefer to go straight from Madras to Bangalore.

From Simla we would like to visit Quetta, and would finally leave India at Karachi.

We certainly agree with the Viceroy as to avoiding Sunday travelling and are quite prepared, as will be seen from the Programme, to travel at night. At all the great cities I will gladly receive Addresses, copies of which should be sent to England as early as possible with any suggestions as to the replies which the Viceroy may care to make.

I will of course receive and return the visits of ruling Chiefs. It will be very kind of the Viceroy if he will economise time as far as possible, and I entirely approve his wise idea of assembling the Chiefs at the Provincial Capitals, or at other suitable centres. I am most anxious to avoid causing expense to the ruling Chiefs by long journeys. Perhaps the Viceroy could send a list of the various Chiefs who will attend at Bombay, Ajmeer, Lahore, Calcutta, and Madras. I assume that Chiefs whose Capitals are visited will not be asked to attend at the Provincial Capitals.

I am most grateful for the valuable hints about sport. I am not very keen to shoot elephants, rhinoceros, or bison. When I proceed to Nepal I wish, if it be possible, that the Princess should rest at Dehra Dun till she rejoins me on my way to Simla or Cawnpore. There may be other more suitable places than Dehra Dun, but I am advised by medical authority that the climate of Calcutta towards the end of February may be enervating.

Acting upon the strong opinions which you expressed to me against the acceptance of presents either by myself or the Princess, from the Native Princes, it is my wish that this undertaking may be strictly observed. I trust that such instructions as you consider necessary to ensure strict adherence to this rule, and to save us from the obvious inconvenience which would arise by any deviation from it, will be issued by you, making it clear that I am acting on the advice of the Government.

VISIT TO INDIA.

PROGRAMME.

1905.

Nov. 9th (Thursday)	...	...	Arrive at Bombay in the evening.
„ 10th (Friday)	...	Bombay	... Reply to Address of welcome on landing at Pier. Drive in State to Government House. Breakfast. After lunch receive visits from Chiefs of Baroda, Kolhapur, Gondal, and Morvi. Drive in evening. State Banquet and Levée..
„ 11th (Saturday) (Mail leaves Bombay)	...	„	... After breakfast return visits of Chiefs of Baroda, Kolhapur, Gondal, and Morvi. In afternoon receive persons recommended by the Governor. Drive, winding up at the Yacht Club. Dinner followed by a Drawing-room, which will be held by Her Royal Highness.
Nov. 12th (Sunday)	...	„	... Church. Go by Steam Launch in afternoon to Elephanta Caves.
„ 13th (Monday)	...	„	... In morning visit Dockyard.

Nov. 13th (Monday)	... Bombay	... Receive Native Chiefs, who may be present in Bombay between breakfast and lunch.
		After lunch, brief interviews with persons whom His Royal Highness may wish to see, or persons especially recommended by the Governor.
		In the evening, drive through the Bazaars to Mahim.
		Small Dinner followed by a Reception.
„ 14th (Tuesday)	... „	... Return visits, when necessary, of Chiefs who visited His Royal Highness on the 13th.
		Private Dinner, and private departure after Dinner.
„ 15th (Wednesday)	... Train	... Shoot Quail near Kaira, while train runs on to Ahmedabad to tranship baggage to metre gauge. <i>En route</i> to Ajmer.
„ 16th (Thursday)	... Ajmer	... Arrive Ajmer.
		Public arrival and Municipal Address.
		Stay at Residency.
		Rest during day.
		See Buildings on Lake in the evening.
		Dinner, at which Political Officers of Rajputana will be present.
„ 17th (Friday)	... „	... Receive Chiefs of Rajputana in the Hall of Mayo College.
		Lunch at College and return visits in afternoon at the various State Houses in College grounds.
		Private Dinner followed by a Reception.

		Leave at midnight for Udaipur.
Nov. 18th	... Udaipur	... Arrive Udaipur and Public Reception.
(Saturday)		
(Mail leaves Bombay).		Receive H. H. the Maharana in evening.
Nov. 19th	... "	... Church, and rest during day.
(Sunday)		Boat on Lake in evening.
" 20th	... "	... In morning return visit of H. H. the Maha-
(Monday)		rana.
.		In afternoon drive, or Boat on Lake.
.		Banquet in the Palace, and leave Udaipur after-
		wards.
" 21st	... Jaipur	... Arrive Jaipur and Public Reception.
(Tuesday)		Receive the Maharaja before lunch.
		Return his visit in afternoon.
" 22nd	... "	... Shoot.
(Wednesday)		Private Dinner.
" 23rd	... "	... Shoot.
(Thursday)		Banquet in Palace.
" 24th	... "	... Visit Amber, or shoot.
(Friday)		Private Dinner. Leave after Dinner for
		Bikanir.
" 25th	... Bikanir	... Public arrival.
(Saturday)		Receive Maharaja and return his visit.
(Mail leaves Bombay.)		Banquet in the Palace.

Nov. 26th (Sunday)	... Bikanir	... (Sunday) In evening drive out to the Shooting ground.
„ 27th (Monday)	... „	... Shoot. In afternoon train to Lahore.
„ 28th (Tuesday)	... Lahore	... Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest. State Dinner in the evening followed by a Reception.
„ 29th (Wednesday)	... „	... Receive Punjab Chiefs. Lunch. Small Dinner, and drive afterwards to Shahli-mar. Illuminations.
„ 30th (Thursday)	... „	... Return visits of Chiefs. Drive to <u>Mian Mir</u> in afternoon, Head-quarters of Army Division.
Dec. 1st (Friday)	... „	... Visit Fort in the morning. Garden Party in afternoon. Small Dinner. Leave for Peshawar.
„ 2nd (Saturday) (Mail leaves Bombay)	... Peshawar	... Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest. In afternoon drive with the General of Division through Cantonment.
Dec. 3rd. (Sunday)	... „	... (Sunday) Church. Private Dinner.

Dec. 4th (Monday)	... Peshawar	... Go to Landi Kotal, returning in evening. Private Dinner.
„ 5th (Tuesday)	... „	... Visit City. Receive Visitors. Garden Party at Residency. State Dinner.
„ 6th (Wednesday)	... „	... If Snipe Shooting can be arranged, shoot in morning. Leave for Jammu in the evening.
„ 7th (Thursday)	... Jammu	... Public arrival. Receive Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir and return visit. Leave Jammu after State Banquet.
„ 8th (Friday)	... Delhi	... Halt at Amritsar (2 hours), reach Delhi at about 6 P. M. Public arrival.
„ 9th (Saturday) (Mail leaves Bombay)	... „	... Receive Municipal Address. In afternoon drive to Kutub.
„ 10th (Sunday)	... Delhi	... (Sunday) Church. In evening drive to City.
„ 11th (Monday)	... „	... Visit Palace. Dinner followed by Reception.

Dec. 12th ... Lord Kitchener's Leave Delhi in the morning.
(Tuesday) Camp.

Public departure for Lord Kitchener's Camp.

Note.—If Lord Kitchener's Camp can be arranged in the neighbourhood of Delhi it will be convenient.

„ 13th ... Lord Kitchener's Camp.
(Wednesday) Camp.

„ 14th ... Lord Kitchener's Camp.
(Thursday) Camp.

„ 15th ... Lord Kitchener's Camp.
(Friday) Camp.

„ 16th ... Lord Kitchener's Camp.
(Saturday) Camp.

„ 17th ... Lord Kitchener's Camp.
(Sunday) Camp.

„ 18th ... Agra ... Public arrival and Municipal Address.
(Monday)

Rest during day.

Visit the Taj in the evening.

„ 19th ... „ ... Visit the Palace in the morning.
(Tuesday) State Dinner in evening followed by a Reception.

„ 20th ... Bhurtpore ... Shoot at Bhurtpore.
(Wednesday) Private Dinner.

„ 21st ... „ ... Shoot in morning, and leave in afternoon for
(Thursday) Gwalior.

Gwalior ... Public arrival.

Receive and return visit of Maharaja.

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In evening drive to Shooting Camp.

22nd (Friday)	... Gwalior	... Shoot.
„ 23rd (Saturday)	... „	... Shoot. State Banquet at Palace.
„ 24th (Sunday)	... „	... Rest.
„ 25th (Monday—Christmas day)	... „	... Rest. Visit old Fort. Leave in evening for Lucknow.
„ 26th (Tuesday)	... Lucknow	... Public arrival and Municipal Address. Visit Residency in the afternoon. Small Dinner. Illuminations.
„ 27th (Wednesday)	... „	... Receive visits from Talukdars of Oudh. Garden Party in afternoon. State Dinner and Reception.
Dec. 28th (Thursday)	... Lucknow	... Drive with General of Division through Cantonments. Leave for Calcutta.
„ 29th (Friday)	... Calcutta	... Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest. Small Dinner.
„ 30th (Saturday)	... „	... Receive visits from Chiefs assembled in Calcutta. Races in afternoon. Small Dinner.

„ 31st ... Calcutta
 (Sunday)

... Cathedral in morning.

If Their Royal Highnesses wish it, go to Barrackpore by boat in afternoon, and sleep at Barrackpore.

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Jan. 1st ... „
 (Monday)

... Attend Proclamation Parade in morning.

State Banquet in evening.

„ 2nd ... „
 (Tuesday)

... Return visits from Native Chiefs.

Private Dinner followed by a Levée.

„ 3rd ... „
 (Wednesday)

... Receive leading persons in morning.

Garden Party in afternoon.

Small Dinner.

„ 4th ... „
 (Thursday)

... Arrangements can be made for a Snipe Shoot.

In the evening Her Royal Highness will hold a Drawing-room.

„ 5th ... „
 (Friday)

... Laying Foundation Stone of Victoria Memorial Hall.

Small Dinner followed by State Ball.

„ 6th ... „
 (Saturday)

... Rest, or Snipe Shooting.

In afternoon leave for Darjeeling.

„ 7th ... Darjeeling.
 (Sunday)

„ 8th ... „
 (Monday)

„ 9th ... Calcutta
 (Tuesday)

... Rest.

Dine in Fort with Lord Kitchener.

„ 10th ... „
 (Wednesday)

... Leave in morning for Burma.

Jan. 11th	... On Board ship.	
(Thursday)		
„ 12th	... „	
(Friday)		
„ 13th	... Rangoon	... Rest.
(Saturday)		State Banquet followed by a Reception.
„ 14th	... „	... (Sunday) Church.
(Sunday)		Drive in the evening.
		Private Dinner.
„ 15th	... „	... Visit Teak Yards and Oil Refinery.
(Monday)		Receive leading persons in afternoon.
		Small Dinner.
		Illuminations on the Lake.
		Leave in evening for Mandalay.
„ 16th	... Mandalay	... Public arrival.
(Tuesday)		Rest.
		Private Dinner.
„ 17th	... „	... Visit Palace and Pagodas.
(Wednesday)		Boat races on Moat in afternoon.
		Small Dinner.
„ 18th	... „	... Leave Mandalay by River.
(Thursday)		
„ 19th	... On River.	
(Friday)		
„ 20th	... „	... Duck Shoot near river.
(Saturday)		Land at Prome and reach Rangoon at night.

Jan.	21st (Sunday)	... Rangoon	... (Sunday) Church. Rest. Private Dinner.
„	22nd (Monday)	... On ship.	
„	23rd (Tuesday)	... „	
„	24th (Wednesday)	... Madras	... Public arrival. Rest. Municipal Address. Drive in evening. Small Dinner.
„	25th (Thursday)	... Madras	... Receive Native Chiefs. In afternoon drive to Guindy. State Banquet and Levée.
„	26th (Friday)	... „	... Return visits of Native Chiefs. In afternoon interviews with leading persons recommended by Governor. Private Dinner and Drawing-room.
„	27th (Saturday)	... „	... Rest. Garden Party. Small Dinner.
„	28th (Sunday)	... „	... (Sunday) Church.

Jan. 29th (Monday)	... Trichinopoly	... Public arrival	} This might be omitted, and the two days given to Mysore.
		Municipal Address	
		Private Dinner	
		Illuminations	
„ 30th (Tuesday)	... „	... Visit Temple	
		Garden Party	
		Private Dinner and depart.	
„ 31st (Wednesday)	... Bangalore	... Public arrival.	
		Municipal Address.	
		Drive in evening.	
		Dinner followed by a Levée.	
Feb. 1st (Thursday)	... Bangalore	... Rest.	
		Garden Party in afternoon.	
		Private Dinner and depart.	
„ 2nd (Friday)	... Mysore	... Public arrival.	
		Receive the Maharaja before lunch.	
		In the afternoon return the visit of the Maharaja.	
		Private Dinner.	
„ 3rd (Saturday)	... „	... Visit Seringapatam, returning in evening.	
		Private Dinner.	
„ 4th (Sunday)	... „	... (Sunday) Church.	
		Drive to the Shooting Camp.	
„ 5th (Monday)	... ..	...

Feb. 6th	...	...	...
(Tuesday)			
„ 7th	...	...	... Return to Mysore.
(Wednesday)			Rest.
			State Banquet and depart.
„ 8th	... Hyderabad	...	... Public arrival.
(Thursday)			Receive the Nizam.
			In afternoon return the visit of Nizam.
			Private Dinner.
„ 9th	...	...	... In the morning drive to Secunderabad, and inspect Cantonment with the General of Division.
(Friday)			Lunch and Start for Shooting Camp.
„ 10th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Saturday)			
„ 11th	...	...	... (Sunday) Shooting Camp.
(Sunday)			
„ 12th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Monday)			
„ 13th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Tuesday)			
„ 14th	...	...	... Shooting Camp.
(Wednesday)			
„ 15th	...	...	... Return to Hyderabad.
(Thursday)			Rest.
			State Banquet.

Feb. 16th (Friday)	... Aurungabad	... Visit Caves of Ellora.
		Private Dinner and depart.
		<i>Note.</i> —The Princess would accompany His Royal Highness to Benares, and then proceed to Dehra Dun.
„ 17th (Saturday)	... In Train.	
„ 18th (Sunday)	... Benares	... (Sunday) Private arrival.
		Rest.
		Church in evening.
		Private Dinner.
„ 19th (Monday)	... „	... In morning see river Ghats from boat.
		After breakfast receive the Maharaja and Municipal Address.
		In afternoon return Maharaja's visit at his Palace.
		Private Dinner.
„ 20th (Tuesday)	... „	... Shoot in Maharaja's Preserves.
„ 21st (Wednesday)	... „	... Public departure for Nepal.
„ 22nd (Thursday)	... Nepal	... Shooting Camp.
„ 23rd (Friday)	... „ ...	... Shooting Camp.

Feb. 24th (Saturday)	... Nepal	... Shooting Camp.
„ 25th (Sunday)	... „ ..	... (Sunday)
„ 26th (Monday)	... „ ...	... Shooting Camp.
„ 27th (Tuesday)	... „ ...	... Shooting Camp.
„ 28th (Wednesday)	... „ ...	... Shooting Camp.
March 1st (Thursday)	... „ ...	... Shooting Camp.
„ 2nd (Friday)	... „ ...	... Leave Camp and depart by train.
„ 3rd (Saturday)	... Cawnpore	... Public arrival and Municipal Address. Rest. Drive in the evening to Massacre Ghat.
„ 4th (Sunday)	... „	... (Sunday) Church. Visit Mutiny Memorial.
„ 5th (Monday)	... „	... Leave in the Morning en route for Simla.
„ 6th (Tuesday)	... Simla	... Private arrival. A Municipal Address might be dispensed with. Private Dinner.
„ 7th (Wednesday)	... Simla	... Rest. Small Dinner.

Mar. 8th (Thursday)	... Simla	... Rest. Small Dinner.
„ 9th (Friday)	... „	... Leave Simla. Public departure.
„ 10th (Saturday)	... Bahawalpur	... Public arrival. Receive visit of Nawab. Return Visit. State Banquet.
„ 11th (Sunday)	... „	... (Sunday) Church. Leave in afternoon.
„ 12th (Monday)	... Quetta	... Public arrival, Municipal Address. Rest. Private Dinner.
„ 13th (Tuesday)	... „	... Receive Chiefs. Garden Party in afternoon. State Dinner and Reception.
„ 14th (Wednesday)	... „	... Return visits of Chiefs. In afternoon inspect Troops with General of Division.
„ 15th (Thursday)	... „	... Visit new Chaman, terminus of Railway.
„ 16th (Friday)	... „	... Leave Quetta.
„ 17th (Saturday)	... Karachi	... Public arrival, Municipal Address. Rest. Private Dinner.
„ 18th (Sunday)	... „	... Inspect Harbour Defences. State Dinner and Reception.
„ 19th (Monday)	... „	... Embark on Steamer for Europe.

No. 11.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., February 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

Since despatching his letter to you, the Prince of Wales has remembered that he wished to tell you that he would be very glad to give a cup to be run for at the Calcutta Race Meeting if the idea meets with your approval, in which case perhaps you will consider with the Racing authorities as to the conditions under [which] the cup should be run for : also on which day of the meeting.

We are now well started upon the preliminary arrangements for the Tour, and everyone from the Prince downwards recognises how indebted we are to you for having nominated Lawrence to be our head.

I earnestly trust that Lady Curzon will arrive in India quite restored to health.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have heard from the Admiralty that it would be impossible to send the man-of-war, which is to convey Their Royal Highnesses to Bombay, up the Hooghly to Calcutta. It would, therefore, be necessary to charter a special steamer to take Their Royal Highnesses from Calcutta to Rangoon.

If the man-of-war can go there and disembark Their Royal Highnesses at Madras, this could be done : otherwise the special steamer would also perform this service.

The Prince does not know whether this will cause much extra expense.

No. 12.

*Extract from a letter from Secretary of State to His Excellency the Viceroy,
dated the 17th February.*

I have been in communication with Bigge about the Prince of Wales' tour, and propose to press the Prime Minister to make the announcement as regards the reception of presents from Indian Princes simultaneously with the announcement of his journey, so that he may be absolved from any suspicions of parsimony in that respect.

No. 13.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 24th February 1905, 4-5 p. m. (Recd. 25th, 7-30 a. m.)

Private. It is proposed to publish on Monday next the enclosed notice of the Prince of Wales's tour:—

"The King has been pleased to approve arrangements for the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and H. R. H. the Princess of Wales to the Indian Empire.

It is expected that the Prince and Princess will arrive in India in November and that their stay there will continue till March 1906.

Their Royal Highnesses will be received in India by His Excellency the Viceroy as the representative of His Majesty.

It is the intention of Their Royal Highnesses to visit, so far as time at their disposal will permit, the principal cities of British India and the more important Native States.

During the tour Levées will be held, at which His Royal Highness will receive the Chiefs and Princes who rule under the paramount protection of the King-Emperor, and will have presented to him the principal personages in His Majesty's Indian dominions.

His Majesty has been pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Government after consultation with the Viceroy, to direct that the exchange of ceremonial presents on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses shall be dispensed with. No presents will, in consequence, be accepted by Their Royal Highnesses."

Do you concur, or have you any alteration to suggest?

No. 14.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 24th February 1905, 7-55 p. m. (Recd. 25th, 7-30 a. m.)

Private. Visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Lord Chamberlain has raised the question whether honours on an exceptional scale in excess of the ordinary vacancies will be conferred. If an increase is decided on, it will be necessary to order the insignia early. Would it be desirable to confine such honours to Natives? Please let me have your views.

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No. 15.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 25th February 1905, 2-15 p. m. (Recd. 11 p. m.)

Private. We concur in the alteration suggested in your private telegram of today regarding the Prince of Wales. Publish Monday.

No. 16.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 25th February 1905, 11-50 p. m. (Recd. 26th, 8 a. m.)

Private. With reference to my private telegram of February 25th, the following paragraph will be added to the announcement of Monday by King's wish—"The King has approved of the appointment of Sir Walter Lawrence, K. C. I. E., to be head of the Staff during the coming visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to India."

No. 16a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., February 27th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Bigge asked me to look through the India Office Press statement on the tour, and I objected to the form of levées, at which Chiefs and Princes would be received. I was delighted to find that you also objected. This is an excellent instance of the ignorance or carelessness of the India Office. The Prince feels a delicacy about suggesting a chapter of the Indian Orders or asking the King to enlarge the Orders on the occasion of his visit. So far the King only seems to contemplate that the Prince should distribute the honours which you will recommend in November. I have discussed the matter with Sir Arthur Bigge, and it seems evident that nothing

in the way of enlarging the Orders or empowering the Prince to confer decorations himself will be done by the King, unless the suggestions emanate from you. When the King was in India the Order was enlarged and two investitures were held. I asked Bigge whether, in the event of your thinking that the Prince should select a few recipients for honours in India, the suggestion should be made to the King direct, and he said that it would be better if the question were treated officially through the India Office.

The Prince is very anxious that Sir Pertab should accompany him as kind of head of the Native Staff. He has an idea of having attached to him representatives of the Indian Army—a Sikh, Mahomedan, and a Hindu Native Officer, and it has been suggested that one batch might accompany him from Bombay to Calcutta and a second batch join him in Madras, and remain with him till the end of the tour.

The Princess spoke yesterday of receiving *purdah* ladies of position and their children at the big capitals.

They are both keenly interested in the tour, and seem very anxious to do all that they can to do the right thing. The decision not to receive presents has found favour in today's papers.

The Princess wishes to know whether she should insure her jewels. I told her that the police arrangements were so good that there was no risk, but I said I would enquire.

I hope it will be possible to exempt Their Royal Highnesses and the Staff from customs duties on arrival at Bombay!

March 7th.—I missed the last mail, the present idea is to bring out the Prince's four equerries and Sir Arthur Bigge. The Princess will bring out two ladies. I have told them that the train accommodation is very limited. In addition to this the Prince thinks of appointing six or eight extra A.-D.-C.'s in India. Some of these must be drawn from the Regiments with which His Royal Highness is connected, *viz.*, 1st Duke of York's Own Lancers, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

These may or may not prove useful A.-D.-C.'s. The others should be chosen for their usefulness and suitability. I suppose Lord Kitchener will nominate the officers, but if you could nominate three or more really useful men it would help to make the tour a success. Grimstone is anxious to be on the staff, and I have told him to write to Baring. Cameron of the Imperial Cadet Corps would be useful, if he could be spared. I hope very much that you will be able to secure Wigram for me. They offered me a Private Secretary, but I don't want anyone but Wigram and a short-hand writer. What I would call the useful members of the staff, of the Grimstone, Cameron and Wigram type should always go in the Prince's train. The others would go where there

was room. Otherwise they might find their way to the bigger centres, where there will be ceremonies and the need of a large staff. With English servants and maids the train will be very crowded, and there will be a very heavy weight of baggage.

Robertson writes that the shooting in Mysore is always very uncertain and usually disappointing. His Royal Highness is anxious to see a Kheddah and perhaps with good arrangements a successful Kheddah might be secured in Mysore. Barnes writing to Bigge suggests a Kheddah in Burma, but from climatic reasons it would be better to have it in Mysore than in Burma. I read your speech at Convocation with great delight. They must see the truth of it all before long, and we also read with great pleasure of Her Excellency's arrival in Calcutta. Her reception shows that the heart of India is after all in the right place.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 17. ✓

FROM A. PEDLER, Esq., C. I. E., F. R. S., Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University.

Senate House, March 15th, 1905.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I am directed by the Members of the Provisional Syndicate of the Calcutta University to state that at a meeting of that body, presided over by myself as Vice-Chancellor, on Saturday, March 13th, I was unanimously asked to put myself in communication with you as Chancellor of the Calcutta University with a view of ascertaining whether His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be willing to allow the Honorary Degree of D. L. of the Calcutta University to be conferred on him during the proposed visit of His Royal Highness to Calcutta at the close of this year.

2. It is proposed to take action under Section 17 of the Indian Universities Act of 1904.

3. I am also to point out that, should His Royal Highness consent to receive this Degree, there would appear to be a peculiar coincidence in the fact that when His Majesty the King-Emperor visited the country as the Prince of Wales in the year 1876, he was then the first recipient of the

Honorary Degree of D. L. in the Calcutta University under the old constitution of 1857, while His Royal Highness would be the first recipient of this Degree under the new Universities Act of 1904.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) ALEX. PEDLER.

No. 18.

FROM THE HON'BLE C. S. BAYLEY, C. S. I., Resident, Hyderabad.

March 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have just received a message from the Nizam through Mr. Faridoonji on the subject of the visit of the Princes and Princesses of Wales to Hyderabad, which the papers have announced as being likely to take place next winter. His Highness has desired me to express to His Excellency the Viceroy the great satisfaction which the announcement has given him as well as his earnest hope that it may be his privilege to entertain Their Royal Highnesses for the whole period of their stay and that they will consent to be his guests as Their Royal Highnesses the late Duke of Clarence and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were when they visited Hyderabad. He proposes to place the Faluknuma Palace at Their Royal Highnesses' disposal and would like also to arrange a shooting camp for them. Should Their Royal Highnesses be graciously pleased to accept his invitation His Highness would be glad to know, as early as may be convenient, the approximate date of their visit and its duration. So far as the chance of tigers is concerned, the later Their Royal Highnesses can conveniently come the better. I have told His Highness that I understand it to be in contemplation that they should come Hyderabad in the second half of February. It may be worth mentioning that the Langar Procession will take place on the 28th February or 1st March, and I believe that the Nizam would be much gratified if the Prince and Princess could so time their visit as to witness this unique spectacle.

I need not say that I should esteem it a great honour to entertain Their Royal Highnesses at the Residency either as my own guests or as guests of the Nizam, but I understand that this arrangement would not be acceptable to His Highness, who naturally wishes himself to be the host. Sir David Barr, who spoke to me on the subject before he left, was of opinion that the matter should be left entirely to the Nizam and that the Faluknuma Palace would be in every way a suitable residence for Their Royal Highnesses.

I should be much obliged if you would kindly lay this letter before the Viceroy and let me know His Excellency's wishes as to the reply to be given to His Highness.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CHAS. S. BAYLEY.

No. 19.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., March 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

We have been busy trying to make our prospective grant of £20,000 go as far as possible, and find that with presents and other expenses it will be somewhat of a squeeze—of course Lawrence's pay has to come out of the grant and he must be liberally dealt with. I saw Mr. Brodrick a few days ago and rather gathered from him that he would be in favour of India defraying all charges which arise out of the Prince's visit after he reaches Bombay to the time when he leaves India. I mentioned to him that it was hoped that General Beatson was coming home and that you would be able to detail a Doctor and Officers to assist the Prince as A.-D.-C.'s during the tour, and from what he said I inferred that, if you were willing, the expenses of General Beatson's journey to England and back and the charges and incidental expenditure connected with the Indian Officers nominated to accompany His Royal Highness might fall on Indian revenues as part of the cost of entertainment.

The Prince does not wish that any charge should fall on India which you think ought to be paid from England: but the grant is small, and every day seems to bring some new call upon it. I understand that the India Office will leave the question and all details to you, and I am to say that His Royal Highness is quite content to leave it in your hands and to abide by your ruling. The expenditure in presents for Their Royal Highnesses' hosts and others in India will be considerable.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 20.

FROM COLONEL C. W. RAVENSHAW, Resident, Nepal.

Camp, Muzaffarpur, March 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR FRASER,

Since my last letter I have received a letter from the Prime Minister of Nepal on the subject of a shoot for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in which he writes that, if acceptable, he would send a formal invitation on the subject to His Excellency the Viceroy, and would attend to details as regards provision of tents, &c., in accordance with the precedent of the visit of His Majesty the King-Emperor as Prince of Wales in 1876.

It is proposed to select the Chetone District of the Terai (about north-east from Gorakpur) which has not been disturbed for years and which I know is full of big game. The Prime Minister suggests the best time as not earlier than 29th January and not later than 5th March, the earlier period being preferable. These dates have been suggested with due regard to the healthiness of the District and also to the termination of the Prime Minister's mourning for his Maharani. He asks that he may have six months' notice to make necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. W. RAVENSHAW.

No. 21.

Extract from a letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, to Viceroy, dated 19th March 1905.

I have heard from Mackichan, the Vice-Chancellor, to the effect that the Syndicate are most desirous to confer an Honorary Degree on the Prince when he comes out in place of presenting him with an address, as was done when his father visited Bombay. There is no doubt that the Senate would vote the degree enthusiastically.

I ask you this not knowing your views in regard to the other Universities, nor the procedure that should be adopted in this and other matters connected with Their Royal Highnesses' visit.

I should be grateful if you gave me any indication as to whether we should be drawing up a programme for Bombay and be making any suggestions as to plans in the Presidency that might be visited; also in respect of details about the possible numbers to be provided for.

No. 21a.

FROM MISS AGNES KEYSER.

*King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers,
9, Grosvenor Gardens, S. W., March 19th, 1905.*

If you are not sure who to recommend as a physician to the Prince of Wales when in India, will you make enquiries about Dr. Alexander Crombie, C.B. He is on my staff here, and worked for me all through the South African War. He had 26 years' experience in India in positions of responsibility and trust, and is considered by all the medical profession quite the very best specialist for tropical diseases, &c. Besides all this I know that he is a most charming and accomplished gentleman and one of the kindest men I have ever met.

Of course this letter needs no answer.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) AGNES KEYSER.

No. 22.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Belvedere, Calcutta, March 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Will you kindly remind the Viceroy of his promise to let me know the decision of His Majesty about the proposal of the Calcutta Corporation to make a present to the Prince and Princess of Wales? I have to sanction the proposal under the law; and the Corporation are anxious to have an early answer, as they want to see the Dholpur jewellery before the auction.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

P. S.—I mean that the Corporation wish, if possible, to buy some of the Dholpur jewellery, but *not at the auction*: therefore they want to buy privately beforehand.

No. 22a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., March 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

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I am glad that it has been decided to accept the suggestion that the Calcutta Corporation should devote a part of their address vote to a present for the

Princess. This will be a compensation for the disappointment that presents from individuals should not be accepted. I saw Lord Knollys and urged that there was a world of difference between Corporations and Chiefs. I hope other places will follow the lead of Calcutta.

It will be better not to ask you to appoint Indian A.-D.-C.'s till Beatson arrives. The men I should like would be Grimston and Cameron, but he may not care for them. The Prince wishes that I should have Wigram as an assistant, if you can give his services. I feel sure that he would cut his leave short. I am sorry that Baring is going before you finally leave India. I daresay it will be found some day that the 'Major Domo' will make the appointment of Military Secretary to the Viceroy superfluous.

The India Office has been very gracious to me since my appointment was announced. Godley and Ritchie were always nice to me, but the others rather kept me at arm's length: now all is changed. I heard yesterday that the poor over-worked fellows had had three Council meetings in one week.

Bengal Partition was one of the causes for this press of business.

I hope you will secure Sir Pertab as kind of Chief of Native Staff. The Prince is very keen about him.

As far as I can see the Prince will bring out his four equerries and Sir A. Bigge, two ladies, and perhaps a third lady. I daresay Beatson will bring home plans of the new train and plans of the metre-gauge train. I hear today that the *Renown* cannot get up the Hooghly, and that it is doubtful whether she can get into Rangoon. She is all right for Karachi.

If you disapprove of the idea of Simla, could it be arranged that Their Royal Highnesses should run up for the day, just to see the place. If this commends itself to you, it ought to be done before Chirstmas, as the weather is fairly certain. Sir D. Robertson writes that tiger-shooting is usually a failure in Mysore. I wonder whether they could make certain of a Kheddah. Could the Foreign Office make out a list of Chiefs who will meet the Prince at the various centres and will require return visits?

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 23.

FROM H. H. SIR C. M. RIVAZ, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Lahore, March 21st, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

With reference to Your Excellency's letter about Colonel Perry, he is an excellent doctor and in other respects would, I think, be quite a suitable selection as Surgeon to the Prince and Princess of Wales during their Indian tour.

As regards his presence, he is not a fine-looking man, but there is nothing mean in his appearance, and he is a keen sportsman which should appeal to the Prince.

Perhaps, however, it would be as well for Your Excellency to see him at Delhi or Simla if you can find a reason for sending for him, to consult him as Principal of the Lahore Medical College on University Medical teaching or some such thing.

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. M. RIVAZ.

No. 23a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., March 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Would you advise as to the reply which should be made to these would-be operators? My idea, if it would approve itself to His Excellency, would be to advise the Prince to appoint Bourne & Shepherd and Deen Dayal, so that the natives could not complain.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 24.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 22nd March 1905, 7-30 p. m. (Recd. 23rd, 6-30 a. m.)

Private. Presents by Municipalities to Prince of Wales. Your private telegram of 21st instant. Lord Knollys has only replied to me today that the King thinks when a Corporation, as in the case of the Calcutta Municipal body, express a wish to give something to the Princess of Wales when they present their address, it is at liberty to do so, provided that the address itself is placed in a small and very inexpensive casket. I have given no advice, but simply forwarded your telegram. Should there be any reason to press for a different decision, you will no doubt let me know.

No. 24a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., March 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have made out a list of presents which His Royal Highness will give to Chiefs and officials, but I can only guess at the Chiefs who will visit him at Bombay, Ajmere, Lahore, Peshawar, Lucknow, Calcutta and Madras. Would it be possible to frame a list of the Chiefs who are likely to present themselves at the various points? His Royal Highness thinks of giving to each Chief who comes to see him a richly framed print with autograph. Of course to Chiefs who are his hosts he gives something besides this. I suppose by now it is fairly certain that such and such officers will be at the various places visited by Their Royal Highnesses. The only point I am anxious to know is whether their wives will be with them, as in that case the Princess will give them presents in return for their hospitality, *e. g.*, Eliot Colvin will be host at Ajmere Will Mrs. Colvin be with him? At Udaipur Pinhey will be host. Will Mrs. Pinhey be with him? &c., &c.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 25.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. R. T. GREER, C.S.I., Chairman, Calcutta Corporation.

Municipal Office, March 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Many thanks for your letter. Please excuse my troubling you further.

Today I received from the Bengal Government their formal sanction to purchase the present for Her Royal Highness. As I explained to you this morning, I am in a difficulty, as the Selection Committee have asked the Chairman whether he has received information that the gift will be accepted. On getting such an assurance I can close the business. Can you assist me?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. T. GREER.

No. 26.

FROM H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Govt. House, Madras, March 28th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I have received your letter of the 19th March concerning the Royal Visit to India, and I am rather surprised and disappointed to find that it is not even open to me to suggest how we should entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales when they come to Madras as the guests of Lady Amphill and myself.

Everything, even down to such a small detail as an afternoon drive to Guindy, seems to be arranged already and the daily programme is so complete that there is hardly any latitude for me to suggest any additional functions or amusements. I am of course only anxious to do what is required of me, but since you ask me whether I approve of the suggested arrangements I shall venture a few criticisms. In the first place the programme seems to me an exceedingly dreary one, not only from the point of view of Their Royal Highnesses, but also from that of the people of Madras. The Prince is to pass through the Madras Presidency without seeing any of the principal sights and particularly without seeing the fine specimens of Dravidian temple architecture at Tanjore and Madura, which are the chief objects of interest in Southern India. And while His Royal Highness is fond of sport, no opportunity is vouchsafed to me of arranging a snipe or duck shoot for him, which I could very well do at the end of January, and in connection with visits to the ancient cities of the South.

The people are not to have any special opportunity of seeing Their Royal Highnesses or making them welcome in their own way. It will be a great source of disappointment if no opportunity is afforded for a big public out-door show or native entertainment which I feel sure the public will wish to organize.

Then again we have all been hoping in Madras that the Prince of Wales would lay the foundation stone of our Victoria Memorial Technical Institute, and no opportunity is afforded for this function.

There are to be no visits to public buildings or institutions, and we should at least like to show the Fort, the High Court, and the Presidency College to the Prince, and the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital to the Princess. I trust that we shall be allowed to propose at least some of these visits.

Lady Amphyll would very much like the Princess of Wales to receive the Muhammedan ladies of the Carnatic Family, a "Gosha" function which would be unique and picturesque, and which would afford the greatest pleasure to these recluse ladies of a family which was once all-important in Southern India.

I think that it would be the greatest pity if Trichinopoly were omitted, and I am very sorry that His Royal Highness cut out the visit to Tanjore which you suggested in your original programme. I should have liked to include Madura as well as Tanjore; a couple of hours' halt in the early morning would suffice for Tanjore on the journey to Trichinopoly and a day's duck or snipe-shooting could very easily be fitted into the journey down the South Indian Railway. There is a good tank for duck close to Conjeeveram and there are always snipe in the neighbourhood of Madura in January and February. I have an idea, however, that His Royal Highness does not care for hard walking and so perhaps it is not much use suggesting snipe-shooting.

I should be glad if I might be allowed to inform the Maharaja of Travancore and the Raja of Cochin as soon as possible that they will be expected to come to Madras. They will have to rent houses and make arrangements for their stay in Madras—a matter which will require considerable notice as there are none too many houses to let in Madras and there will be a great run on them. Both Chiefs are sending personal letters to the Prince of Wales inviting His Royal Highness to visit their States, and I am forwarding these to the Foreign Department. I presume that the invitations will be refused as the Prince is going on straight to Mysore from this Presidency.

I suppose that the Prince will receive a visit from the Raja of Pudukottai although he will not return it.

The Prince of Arcot might be included among those persons to whom private interviews are to be accorded on the afternoon of the 26th, but I do not think that there should be any "Darbar" formality in his case. The Prince of Arcot is a mere pensioner and has no salute of guns; it is of course out of the question that his visit should be returned, for our Ruling Chiefs do not even return his visits. I cannot think how such a mistake could have been made in 1875 as to let His Majesty return the visit of the Prince of Arcot, but strange misconceptions prevailed in those days.

If no material alteration can be made in the programme I hope that, at any rate, I shall be given an afternoon for a people's function, arranged by a Public Reception Committee, such for instance as a drive in "state" to the People's Park and an outdoor Native entertainment such as the populace love.

I do not think that there is any decent house at Trichinopoly—the Collector's House is a wretched place—so that I shall have to pitch a camp

there. I presume that arrangements for furnishing such a camp in proper style may be made regardless of expense at the cost of Government funds ?

There are certain things involving expense which I ought to set about pretty soon, and I should be glad to know what I can count upon in the way of a special grant.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) AMPHILL.

No. 27.

FROM H. H. SIR C. M. RIVAZ, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Lahore, March 28th, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

With reference to the sketch programme of the Prince of Wales' tour in the Punjab which is contained in Your Excellency's letter of the 20th March, I beg to offer the following remarks and suggestions.

The visit to Bahawalpur should, I certainly think, be omitted, for the reasons given by Your Excellency. But perhaps the intention is to give His Royal Highness a day's duck shooting in Bahawalpur territory. If so, I see no objection, so long as His Royal Highness does not pay a visit, which would necessarily be a ceremonial one, to the capital of the State.

As regards the Ruling Chiefs, to concentrate them all at Lahore would, with the visits and return visits, be somewhat overwhelming, I think, for His Royal Highness. I would suggest having the 8 principal Chiefs who are entitled to a return visit, also Chamba and Suket, at Lahore, and the remaining 5, with perhaps one or two of the Simla Hill Chiefs, at Delhi. Their visits to His Royal Highness might be fitted into the Delhi programme on Saturday, the 9th December. The Punjab would appreciate the honour of giving a Ball to Their Royal Highnesses at Lahore in the Montgomery Hall. If this is allowed, as I hope it will be, the night of Thursday, the 30th November, might be made available for it. I would suggest cutting out the Reception after the State Dinner on the 28th. It would have to be in the Montgomery Hall (my own rooms are not big enough) and would, I am afraid, be a tedious and tiring affairs. Lahore society, both European and Native, will have ample opportunities of seeing Their Royal Highnesses at Shalimar, the Ball, and the Garden Parties. With these slight modifications the Lahore programme seems to me quite suitable, and I have no alterations to suggest, except as above about some of the Chiefs being at Delhi, in the Delhi programme.

I think Their Royal Highnesses can be made comfortable in the Circuit House at Delhi, with a small camp for their suite. I suppose I should be in

attendance at Delhi, and, if so, propose to have a small separate camp of my own. Does Your Excellency desire me to arrange for His Royal Highness's camp and entertainment at Delhi, or will the Government of India make the arrangements? I will of course in any case see that the Circuit House is made comfortable.

I understand that Their Royal Highnesses will not visit Rawalpindi.

While the Prince is at Amritsar, would it be too much to ask him to drive to the Khalsa College after his visit to the city and Golden Temple? An hour more at Amritsar (3 instead of 2) would enable this to be done. I am afraid the College buildings now being constructed will not be ready to be opened by December, but if Their Royal Highnesses merely drove through the College grounds and stayed 5 minutes to see what is being done, it would be much appreciated by the Sikhs and have a good effect, I think.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. M. RIVAZ.

No. 28.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. C. S. BAYLEY, c. s. i., Resident, Hyderabad.

March 28th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I hardly like to put the following remarks into my demi-official letter regarding the Prince of Wales' visit which may be brought on to a file, but I shall be glad if you will kindly show them to His Excellency the Viceroy.

The view which I take of the matter is that the Nizam is inclined to regard himself as Royalty and that the practice by which members of our own and other Royal Families have been His Highness' guests when staying at Hyderabad, while the Viceroy has been the guest of the Resident, tends to foster the underlying assumption of Royal dignity. It is not expedient that the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Nizam should appear in any way as a visit from one Royal Personage to another, and it is

on this account that I venture to suggest that the Resident, as the representative of the Viceroy, ought to have a distinct and public recognition as a host, thus showing that the Government of India shares the sovereignty even of the most important of the Native States.

I trust that I may be excused for laying so much stress on a matter which seems to me to be one of some political importance.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) CHAS. S. BAYLEY.

No. 28a.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., March 29th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th instant. The Prince sent for me last Saturday and read out your letter, of which he gave me a copy. I was very glad that you were able to approve of most of the programme. Dunlop Smith writes that the Phulkian States are asking you to arrange that His Royal Highness should visit their territory. If it could be worked in, the Prince would be glad to spend a few hours at Nabha, either between Bikanir and Lahore, or later *en route* to Delhi. Bahawalpur was only suggested as a convenient halt *en route* to Quetta.

I have spoken to Bigge about the staff. He thinks it will be best to wait till Beatson arrives, and then to ask you to nominate officers. I imagine that we shall want three working Aides-de-Camp of the Wigram type. The officer to represent the Foreign Office would not be able to lend a hand in domestic details. I suppose he is required to superintend ceremonials, &c., for I could arrange the visits and interviews with the Political Officers of each Agency. Of course you have the Foreign Secretary on your tours, but if you are in India, it is possible that the local Politicals could run the show without the help of a Foreign Office representative. In one way such a representative would be useful; he might be specially told off to enforce the rule about presents. If by ill-fortune you have left India, a Foreign Office representative,

while His Royal Highness is in Native States, would be essential. If you are in India, I think that I could manage without a representative. The Equerries will be very helpless owing to the language—and it will require Beatson and three working Aides-de-Camp to look after the whole suite.

The Prince will be guided by your advice as to a Police officer. He might be useful, but, on the other hand, there is so much Provincial jealousy in the Police, that you may think it undesirable to depute a special officer for the whole tour, but if you do not advise an English officer, we might have a good native in plain clothes.

I will get a short-hand writer of the Putnam type. What I should like, if you can help me to it, is to have Wigram as my assistant. Their Royal Highnesses have several times expressed the wish that I should be with them on all occasions, even when they drive out in the evenings. There ought to be some one to interview people in my absence and to attend to urgent letters and telegrams. Wigram would do this admirably, and would always be ready to help the Aides-de-Camp.

I had a nice letter from Beatson. You could not have chosen a better man for the Victoria Memorial exhibits. He has great knowledge and good taste.

It will be kind if Baring sends me a scale of presents for servants.

We were greatly distressed to read that you were absent from Council owing to illness and hope that the change from Calcutta will give you relief.

Dawkins has broken down, and will require long rest. We saw poor Armstrong yesterday. He has undergone another operation for his leg. Did you see an article in *Vanity Fair* about yourself? I think I can identify the writer. Rees has nobly volunteered to join the tour and to write the book. Barr has arrived. I wish they would put him on Council. He was very much touched by your farewell letter, which he will show to me. My wife joins me in kindest regards to Her Excellency and yourself, and I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

P. S.—I think that the Imperial Cadets would be most effective in Calcutta and they would harmonise with the opening of the Memorial Building, but I will ask the Prince about this.

No. 29.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 30th March 1905.

Private. Your private letter of the 20th of March. Royal visit. It seems desirable that the wishes of certain public bodies should be ascertained quietly before drawing up programme. Is there any objection to telling the President of the Corporation, and if necessary others, that the visit is expected and asking whether it is proposed to present an address. It is generally known visit is expected, but no official intimation has been received. Do you propose to be at Bombay yourself at the time?

No. 30.

FROM THE HON'BLE SIR A. H. T. MARTINDALE, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor General, Rajputana.

Abu, March 30th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

Immediately your Private and Confidential letter of 20th March reached me (5 P. M. on 25th March), I consulted the five Officers concerned (confidentially) about the sketch tour for His Royal Highness' visit to Rajputana. I enclose a copy of their answers. I have also shown the Programme to Mr. Colvin who reached Abu yesterday.

2. As regards Ajmer, I would deprecate any general assemblage of all the Chiefs there.

(i) There would be serious difficulties about precedence. This question has been simmering ever since the Delhi Darbar, and it has not been easy to stave off embarrassing references. A general Darbar or reception at Ajmer would make it acute again.

(ii) Ajmer is in some ways an inconvenient place as a general rendezvous. Accommodation is scanty. There are very few conveyances. There are no mounted troops. Most of the Chiefs would have to bring their own camps, carriages and horses, &c., and would be put to considerable expense.

(iii) Udaipur, Bikaner and Jaipur would not come in any case, as His Royal Highness will visit those States. Bharatpur (where also he is going) is an infant. For the rest, I would be inclined to let some of the Chiefs go to Agra as was done on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit in 1876. The following Chiefs then went to Agra to pay their respects to His Royal Highness:—

NOTE—His Royal Highness did
not visit Ajmer in 1875-76.

Bundi.
Bikaner.
Kishangarh.
Bharatpur (now an infant).
Alwar.
Tonk.
Dholpur.
Shahpura Chiefship.

Karauli did not go to Agra owing to ill-health.

Shahpura might come to Ajmer.

(iv) I would suggest the following arrangement:—

A—for Ajmer.

B—for Agra.

Bundi.
Kotah.
Jaisalmer (at College).
Sirohi.
Dungarpur (at College).
Partabgarh.
Jhalawar.

Kishangarh.
Alwar.
Dholpur.
Karauli.
Tonk.

* No visits. Shahpura.*

(v) Banswara might be excused (as in 1875) on the ground of distance and poverty. He is moreover an old man now. The arrangement suggested would, I hope, obviate, or at least minimize, troublesome precedence questions.

(vi) Jodhpur is a doubtful case and would depend a good deal on the orders now under consideration about his future. If he is allowed to return to Jodhpur early in November as proposed, I would recommend that he be allowed to come into Ajmer despite the fact that he would take precedence of all the other Chiefs there in the absence of Udaipur and Jaipur.

(vii) It would not be easy to arrange that all the Political Officers of Rajputana should be present at Ajmer for the State dinner. I would suggest that only those should come who would accompany their Chiefs. Their presence at Ajmer would be desirable for ceremonial functions (visits, interpreting, &c.).

(viii) Waddington suggests that His Royal Highness should be invited to lay the foundation-stone of the new College buildings if sanctioned, to declare the Bikaner Cricket pavilion open, and to preside at the Annual Prize giving. If there were time for these, they will fill the morning of the 17th November well.

(ix) The exchange of visits at Ajmer (and elsewhere) would be regulated by the same principles as those adopted in the case of the Viceroy. I do not think there would be any difficulty in arranging them for a limited number of Chiefs at Ajmer where all would have quarters in or near the Mayo College buildings.

3. *Udaipur*.—I agree with Pinhey that the Programme is suitable, though as there is no sport to speak of, two days would in my opinion quite suffice, instead of the three days proposed.

4. *Jaipur*.—Herbert says that the arrangements suggested are suitable and I cannot suggest any modification.

5. *Bikaner*.—Three days should quite suffice for Bikaner. His Royal Highness could see the Camel Corps on the 25th afternoon or 26th morning if he cared to.

6. *Bharatpur*.—Colonel Fagan pleads for one more day, to get in a tiger shoot on the 22nd December at Biana, distant about 28 miles by Motor Car. I have never been to Biana, but the arrangement seems good, if His Royal Highness can spare the time.

7. *Alwar*.—As already reported in my official letter, No. 248 C., dated 26th January 1905, to Fraser, the Maharaja of Alwar is very anxious to receive His Royal Highness there. A tiger shoot could be arranged, and he hopes His Royal Highness would open the "Alexandra" Hospital. Perhaps His Royal Highness could go there after Jaipur? The Maharaja has bought a good Motor which would make the road work easy.

8. *Kotah* also hopes that His Royal Highness would visit his State, but I would not recommend any halts at places so distant from the Railway.

9. Nothing else occurs to me at present. I am grateful to His Excellency for giving me an opportunity of seeing the arrangements proposed and offering suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. MARTINDALE.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

Major A. F. Pinhey, C. I. E., I. A., Resident, Mewar, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Telegram, 28th March 1905.

Your Confidential demi-official of 26th instant. Consider arrangement suggested for Udaipur suitable.

Lieut.-Col. C. Herbert, Resident, Jaipur, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Telegram, 29th March 1905.

79. Your Confidential letter of 26th instant. Arrangements suggested are suitable.

Major W. Stratton, Political Agent, Bikaner, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Telegram, 28th March 1905.

Your demi-official letter of 26th. I consider the arrangements suggested quite suitable for Bikaner.

Lieut.-Col. C. G. F. Fagan, I. A., Political Agent, Eastern Rajputana States, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Telegram, 29th March 1905.

Your demi-official letter of 26th received this morning. If Their Royal Highnesses could spare one more day for Bharatpur, I think very satisfactory programme could be arranged. I would suggest programme somewhat as follows :—

Wednesday 20th.—Arrive Bharatpur afternoon, public arrival. Exchange of informal visit of His Highness the young Maharaja, Her Highness the Maji and Their Royal Highnesses.

Thursday 21st.—Duck shoot. Private dinner.

Friday 22nd.—Drive to Biana by Motor which will take one hour. Tiger shoot and visit ancient ruins of Biana. Return Bharatpur. Private dinner. Leave after dinner for Agra.

Programme suggested by Private Secretary would be difficult to work as both days would have to be devoted to duck shooting, and I doubt whether a second battue immediately following one of any dimensions would prove successful. Biana is ideal place for easy tiger shoot, very pretty with interesting ruins, and there will be pucca motoring road whole way.

Lieut.-Col. P. J. Melvill, I. A., Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Telegram, 28th March 1905.

Your demi-official letter of 26th. Proposed arrangements can be carried out so far as Ajmer is concerned. Letter follows.

Copy of Confidential Demi-official letter, dated the 28th March 1905, from Lieut.-Col. P. J. Melvill, I. A., Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, to the Hon'ble Sir A. H. T. Martindale, K. C. S. I., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

Your Confidential demi-official letter of the 26th instant, regarding the proposed visit of His Royal Highness to Rajputana in November and December 1905.

I am telegraphing that the proposed arrangements can be carried out so far as Ajmer is concerned.

I presume that the Chiefs will be received simultaneously by His Royal Highness in the Mayo College Hall, as successive visits would probably occupy an unduly long time. As regards return visits, those Chiefs who own Boarding Houses could receive His Royal Highness in them, while others could be accommodated in the Boarding Houses, of which the owners will not be present, *e.g.*, Udaipur, or in tents which they will pitch in the park.

Perhaps it might be considered appropriate that His Royal Highness should be escorted from the Residency to the Mayo College and back by the College Mounted Cadet Corps.

Waddington suggests that His Royal Highness might be asked to lay the foundation stone of the new College buildings and to declare the Bikaner Cricket Pavilion open, which would give him an opportunity of seeing the Mayo College boys, and these functions would only occupy a very few minutes each. Waddington would of course be very much gratified if His Royal Highness would give away the Annual prizes, but I am afraid that this would be too much to ask.

No. 31.

FROM THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. H. A. DEANE, c.s.i., Agent to the Govr.-Genl. and Chief Commr., N.-W. Frontier Province.

Peshawar, March 30th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to your letter of the 20th March regarding the proposed arrangements for the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Peshawar, I think the visit as proposed would be unnecessarily long and boring for His Royal Highness.

If his arrival were arranged for Monday, 4th, he could rest during the day, drive through Cantonments in the evening, and I would suggest that, instead of receiving visitors as entered in the programme on Tuesday he should hold a Levée after private dinner on the 4th, at say 9 or 9-30 p. m. This would not take long.

Tuesday, 5th.—Visit Landi Kotal, returning the same day.

Wednesday, 6th.—Visit City.

Garden Party.

State Dinner.

Thursday, 7th.—Leave by train in the morning or midday so as to enable his train to be out of this province by daylight.

The season is too early for any snipe-shooting in these parts which would be worth his going out for; the birds have by that time passed through here, and the best shooting is on their return at the end of February.

I would suggest that instead of a Municipal Address a joint address by the Municipal Committee and the leading men in the province be presented to him when he visits the City. If any address be given, I think it a pity it should be confined to the Municipality, half of the members of which are of the Bunniah class, the least representative in the province.

A State Dinner here to include the numbers to be asked would have to be in a tent. The Dining Room here only accommodates thirty at dinner. I presume there would be no objection to a tent.

I do not know if it is permissible for me to say that I should feel honoured by being allowed to entertain His Royal Highness during his stay in Peshawar.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. A. DEANE.

No. 32.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. C. S. BAYLEY, C. S. I., Resident, Hyderabad.

March 30th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant, and will take an early opportunity of discussing the details of the Prince and Princess of Wales' visit with the Nizam and the Minister. In the meantime

I can say with certainty that it will afford His Highness very great gratification to know that he is to have the honour of being the host of Their Royal Highnesses.

Before, however, I speak to the Nizam, there are two matters in connection with the visit on which I would ask you to be so kind as to take His Excellency's orders :—

(1) There is no mention in the programme of the Imperial Service Troops. I trust that it is intended that His Royal Highness should see these, either in connection with the visit to Secunderabad or on some other convenient opportunity. Any interest displayed by the Prince in the Imperial Service Regiments cannot fail to do good, both in its direct effect on the troops themselves, and, indirectly, by stimulating the Nizam's interest in them. I am told that, except in the course of the annual *langar* procession, His Highness has scarcely ever seen his Imperial Service Troops, and he has certainly never witnessed one of their parades for a very long time, if at all. If it could be arranged that he should show them to His Royal Highness and so get some personal *kudos* out of them, the result would probably be excellent. Thinking that the Prince was sure to wish to see the troops, I suggested a few days ago through a round-about channel that the Nizam might possibly like to show them himself, and I have no doubt that the suggestion has reached him. It will be remembered that the first of the offers which gave rise to the Imperial Service movement came from Hyderabad, and that the Commandant of the local forces holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in His Majesty's Army.

(2) The other point is partly personal. As I mentioned in my previous letter I should have greatly valued the privilege of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses at the Residency throughout their stay, but Nizam's wish to be their host has, of course, put this out of the question. I trust, however, that I may be allowed to receive Their Royal Highnesses at some meal or at a garden-party, as may be most convenient. Apart from the pleasure which this would give me, I venture to think that it is expedient from a Political point of view that the representative of the Viceroy should be allowed to act as host at least once when the Prince visits the State to which he is accredited. It

has not, I believe, been the custom for the Viceroy when visiting Hyderabad to be the guest of the Nizam, except when in Camp, and His Excellency has always stayed at the Residency. On the occasions when Royal Personages have visited Hyderabad they have been accommodated in one or another of the Nizam's palaces, and it is proposed on the present occasion to follow these precedents. To this I see no objection, but it does seem to me desirable that the Resident's position should be marked in the eyes of the Durbar in the manner that I have indicated. What the occasion should be matters little, but perhaps, in view of the amount that has to be got through in less than three days and of the structural deficiencies of the dining-room at the Residency, a garden party on the afternoon of the 9th would be the most convenient arrangement, if Their Royal Highnesses would be graciously pleased to accept my invitation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CHAS. S. BAYLEY.

No. 33.

FROM H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

March 30th, 1905.

Royal visit.

MY DEAR GEORGE,

I hope you will put before His Royal Highness a request to lay the foundation stone of the new dock scheme, and that of the Museum which project is, I hope, advancing.

These are the two functions upon which I lay the greatest stress. Doubtless other proposals will come in, but I cannot conceive any of equal importance.

I will submit in due course our revised programme when outside requests come in.

I sent you a wire in this connection today.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) LAMINGTON.

P. S.—This Government will forward an estimate of what is required to meet the extra charges of the Wales' visit.

No. 33a.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. G. S. HENDERSON, President, Bengal Club.

2, *Middleton Row, Calcutta, March 30th, 1905.*

DEAR BARING,

I have been asked by the Committee of the Bengal Club to address you on the subject of a proposal which has been put forward that Bengal Club should invite His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to dinner at the Club on the occasion of his visit to Calcutta next cold weather.

The Club had the honour of entertaining the King when Prince of Wales and also the Duke of Clarence when they visited India.

The Committee desire to ascertain whether the proposal to invite His Royal Highness would meet with the approval of His Excellency the Viceroy, and whether the invitation is likely to be acceptable.

The King and the Duke of Clarence visited India alone, and it has been suggested that possibly an invitation which did not include the Princess of Wales could not be accepted. There are great difficulties in the way of the Club entertaining both the Prince and Princess at dinner—but the chief difficulty is the want of accommodation in the Club.

If the proposal for a dinner should not be feasible it might be that the Club would be prepared to give a Ball to which both might be invited.

I shall be much obliged, therefore, if you would kindly lay the subject of this letter before His Excellency. If it is likely to help matters I should be glad to come and see you on my way from Court at 4-45 P. M. if that hour would be convenient to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) GILBERT S. HENDERSON,
President, Bengal Club.

No. 34.

FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL C. W. RAVENSHAW, Resident in Nepal.

Muzaffarpore, April 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have communicated the purport of your printed private and confidential letter of 23rd March regarding His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' shoot in Nepal to the Prime Minister.

He desires me to write that he feels highly gratified at the prospect of being honored with a visit from His Royal Highness, and he will do himself the honor to forward the invitation to shoot. He thinks from 21st February to 2nd March 1906, though in every way convenient, rather a short period, but every endeavour will be made to show as good sport as possible in the time.

The first camp will be at Theri on the Nepal border and the entrance into the Chitane District. I have visited the place with the Prime Minister and it seems in every way suitable. The nearest and most convenient Railway Station is the terminal station of Bettiah which is about 33 miles from Theri. After the rains I would suggest that a good fair weather driving road be made from Bettiah to the first camp in Nepal.

I am just off to England on 6 months' leave and hope to be in Simla for September before returning to Nepal.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. W. RAVENSHAW.

No. 35.

FROM H. H. SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Govr., United Provinces.

Camp, April 3rd, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I send a few notes about the proposed visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to this Province.

If the Prince intends to exchange visits with the Rajputana Chiefs at Agra, one or two days more at least should be given to Agra. In that case His Royal Highness should arrive on 16th or 17th December. He leaves Agra on 20th and will arrive at Lucknow on 26th. Carriages and servants will have to be transferred from Agra to Lucknow and the space between his departure from Agra and arrival at Lucknow is short enough.

His Royal Highness can occupy the Circuit House at Agra, and there is ample room for tents round it. I understand that the Lieutenant-Governor should be in Camp at Agra and should make all necessary arrangements both there and at Lucknow.

It would help materially if the Viceregal tents which are stored at Agra may be used for the Agra Camp. I can arrange for tents at Lucknow. There will be difficulty about carriages and horses. The Government of India, will, I understand, provide a barouche and three or four landaus; other carriages may be borrowed locally.

Horses are a difficulty, and it would be a great convenience if artillery horses were available for the barouche and horses were supplied from Hapur and Saharunpur depôts for the landaus. These carriages and horses would be sent by rail from Agra to Lucknow.

At Benares the Prince would be the guest of Maharaja Sir Prabhu Narayan Singh at Nandesur house. The Lieutenant-Governor would not be present. I would not advise the visit to Chakia. The day saved can probably be better spent in Nepal where the prospects of shooting are far better.

The only possible house at Cawnpur is that occupied by the Collector. I would recommend that after breakfast on 28th December His Royal Highness should leave Lucknow, visit Cawnpur *en route* to Calcutta, lunch with the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, see the sights of Cawnpur and proceed to Calcutta direct, where he is timed to arrive on 29th morning.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. D. LATOUCHE.

P. S.—At Lucknow Government House would be ready for the Prince, as the Lieutenant-Governor would be in Camp. If thought desirable I will invite the Judges of the High Court to meet the Prince at Lucknow. They met His present Majesty in 1875 at Benares.

No. 36.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 7th April 1905, 7-45 p. m. (Recd. 8th, 10 a. m.)

Private. Honours. Please see your private telegram of today. The King approves of the postponement.

I wrote privately on the subject on the 24th ultimo.

No. 37.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., Private Secy. to H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., April 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

Your letter of the 16th March *re* request of Calcutta University.

The Prince of Wales desires me to say that he will of course follow your advice in this matter. Please, therefore, let the Syndicate of the University know that His Royal Highness will have much pleasure in accepting the Honorary Degree of D. L.

The Prince trusts that the other Universities will recognise that Calcutta, being the Capital of India, justifies an exception being made in favour of its University, and that they will not grumble if their applications for permission to confer their respective degrees are declined !

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 38.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., April 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

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If Bahawalpur is omitted, we could save a day, and transfer the functions of 18th at Karachi to 17th. Wigram has arrived. He will gladly curtail his leave, if he is wanted for the Prince's tour.

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 39.

FROM H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Govt. House, Ootacamund, April 10th, 1905.

[Private.]

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 4th instant, concerning the visit of the Prince of Wales to Madras. I am sorry that I

gave you the trouble of writing this further explanation by misunderstanding the nature of your former letter, but it is a relief to know that the programme admits of alteration, or rather of suggestions for alteration. I did not think that you were responsible for the detailed proposals, for in your conversation with me on the subject at Calcutta you seemed inclined to leave the details to the local authorities, and it was the fact that I believed them to come from home which made me hesitate to propose any change.

The arrangements at Trichinopoly do not seem to me quite appropriate for the visit of the Prince of Wales. The Municipal Address and Garden Party there are quite out of place, and it would be invidious to accord these functions to one single Municipal town, and that by no means the most important in the Madras Presidency.

I enclose a revised programme which perhaps you will kindly submit for approval with the following explanations.

The Madras Municipal Address might well be received when the Prince lands, as it will not delay him for more than ten minutes; it will save him the trouble of turning out again after breakfast, the moment will be appropriate, and everybody will be assembled in full figure. The brief delay will enable a large number of people to get a good sight of Their Royal Highnesses.

I hope that His Royal Highness will consent to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Technical Institute, as the people of Madras have been counting on his doing so. I have, however, said nothing to the Trustees, and I do not know for certain whether they will be ready for the function. It need not take more than half an hour, and would combine well with a drive in "State" through the fashionable part of the town and along the Marina in the cool of the evening.

Wednesday, the 24th January, is the anniversary of the Proclamation of His Majesty's Accession, and would therefore be the more appropriate day for the State Banquet and Levée. I have put down fireworks for the evening, but His Royal Highness need not go out to see them. After getting rid of the Levée folk he could view them quietly from the roof of Government House if he felt inclined, or else retire to rest.

On Thursday, the 25th, I have suggested that the Princess should visit the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital, which she could do in half an hour all told, and which ought on no account to be omitted.

I have put down the Raja of Pudukota to pay a State visit to His Royal Highness, but not to receive a return visit. I think that this is correct.

The afternoon of Thursday should, I think, be given up to an entertainment organized by the public of Madras.

The public seem to regard it as a matter of course that something of the kind should be arranged, and various leading people have been pressing me already to tell them when they can call a Public Meeting and form a Committee to arrange for the entertainment of His Royal Highness.

It would probably be a show of acrobats, jugglers, sword-players, and musicians in a large temporary *pandal*, and would be thoroughly characteristic of Southern India.

It would afford the Prince an opportunity of showing himself to the populace, and I am very strongly of opinion that it would not do to withhold this opportunity from the Native community of welcoming His Royal Highness in their own way; indeed I am sure that there would be much disappointment and even resentment if a public entertainment were omitted.

As regards the interviews with Native gentlemen I would propose that they should be accorded to the leading noblemen only; the Prince will see the Native Judges of the High Court and other leading men at the Garden Party and elsewhere, and it would be difficult to draw the line if we went beyond the Principal Rajas and Zamindars. Those whom I should recommend would be the Prince of Arcot, the Maharaja of Jeypore, the Maharaja of Bobbili, the Raja of Venkatagiri, the Raja of Vizianagram, and the Zamorin of Calicut or those of them who happened to be in Madras.

For Saturday, the 27th, I have put the reception of Gosha ladies which I mentioned in my last letter. It need not take the Princess more than half an hour, it will be a picturesque and unique scene, and it will give an immense amount of pleasure. Lady Ampthill, who of course knows all these ladies and exchanges visit with them at regular intervals, sets great store by the function, which would afford the only possible opportunity to the principal Native ladies of seeing the Princess.

You will see that without prolonging the time which has been allotted to the Madras Presidency I have fitted in Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Conjeeveram, and a duck-shoot, instead of Trichinopoly alone. As I have said already it is quite unnecessary to have a Garden Party, a Municipal Address, or a dinner party at Trichinopoly, and it would be invidious to accord so much honour to this single place.

My programme involves spending three nights in the train, but I trust that this will not alarm Their Royal Highnesses. With the trains running dead slow or halting for the best part of the night, it will be possible to sleep quite as comfortably as in a camp; there will be none of the inconvenience of packing and unpacking, and with electric fans the carriages can be kept quite cool. If the Princess does not care to go out with the shooters, she could see the temples at Conjeeveram which are well worth visiting, for I believe that Her Royal Highness is an ardent sight-seer.

We would pitch a camp at some convenient spot along the line for dinner on the way to Tanjore, and another camp at Tanjore in which to have breakfast and luncheon on Tuesday, the 30th, and for rest between intervals of sight-seeing.

An afternoon and evening at Trichinopoly will be quite sufficient, and it will not be necessary to have anybody to dinner beyond the District Officers.

I have not included any sight-seeing at Madras in the programme, in order to avoid giving it too formidable an appearance; another difficulty is that I do not know whether Their Royal Highnesses would care to go out in the early mornings which are the best time for inspections and sight-seeing.

It might be left to the Prince's inclination of the moment whether visits should be made to the Fort, the High Court, the General Hospital, or any other institutions. The Princess might like to see the Maternity Hospital, which is the largest in India, but this again might be settled at the time if Her Royal Highness is not too tired with the other functions.

I trust that these explanations and the revised programme will be of more help to you than my last letter.

As regards expenses, I quite understand the situation. I shall try to make suitable, but not extravagant, arrangements and send in a bill to Government for those expenses which ought not to come out of my private purse; where indeed there would not be much to meet them.

When I suggested that arrangements should be made "regardless of expense" I was writing loosely and tentatively.

I elicited a reply and explanation from you which were just what I wanted, and for which I am much obliged.

May I tell the good people of Madras that they may call a public meeting and form a "Reception Committee", and may I tell the Maharaja of Travancore and the Rajas of Cochin and Pudukota that they will be expected to be in Madras at the end of January? They are all pressing me for information as to the date of the Royal visit and asking me what they will be allowed or expected to do, and I find it difficult to keep on putting them off with the answer "I don't know". The guess-work announcements which have appeared in the newspapers convince them that much has been settled and that an unnecessary reticence is being observed, while the Chiefs are fussing greatly about their personal arrangements for staying in Madras.

It would be a great advantage if I might at any rate announce the date of the visit, tell the Chiefs that they will be expected to come to Madras, and let the general public consult as to the arrangements they would like to propose for the popular reception of Their Royal Highnesses.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) AMPHILL.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

Visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Madras Presidency.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, 24th January—

- 7-30 A. M. ... Public arrival at the Harbour.
Municipal Address to be read in Reception Pandal at the Harbour.
Rest between breakfast and luncheon.
- 5 P. M. ... Lay foundation stone of Victoria Technical Institute (the Madras Memorial to Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria) and then drive along the Marina.
- 8 P. M. ... State Banquet ... } This day being the King's Proclamation
9-30 P. M. ... Levée } Day
Fireworks on the Island which Their Royal Highnesses could view from Government House.

Thursday, 25th January—

- 11-30 A. M. ... Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales visits the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.
- 12-30—1-15 P. M. ... His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales receives "State Visits" from the Maharaja of Travancore, the Raja of Cochin, and the Raja of Pudukota.
- 5—6-30 P. M. ... Entertainment arranged by the general public of Madras.
- 8 P. M. ... Small dinner party.

Friday, 26th January—

- 12-30—1-15 P. M. ... His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales returns the visits of the Maharaja of Travancore and the Raja of Cochin.
- 3-30—4-30 P. M. ... Interviews with Native Gentlemen.
- 4-30 P. M. ... Drive to Guindy for tea in the gardens.
- 8 P. M. ... Private dinner.
- 9-45 P. M. ... Drawing-room.

Saturday, 27th January—

- 12-30—1 P. M. ... Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales sees Muhammedan and Gosha Ladies who will be assembled in the Banqueting Hall.
- 5 P. M. ... Garden Party.
- 8 P. M. ... Small Dinner Party.

Sunday, 28th January—

- 11 A. M. ... Divine Service in the Cathedral.
- 11 P. M. ... Leave Madras.

Monday, 29th January—

7 A. M.	...	Arrive Conjeeveram.
10 A. M.	...	Drive five miles for duck-shooting. (Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales might meanwhile visit the temples at Conjeeveram.)
4 P. M.	...	Leave Conjeeveram.
8 P. M.	...	Dine <i>en route</i> in tent.
11 P. M.	...	Arrive Tanjore. Sleep in railway carriages.

Tuesday, 30th January—

		At Tanjore. Visit Temples and Palace.
		Breakfast and luncheon in Camp.
3 P. M.	...	Leave Tanjore.
4 P. M.	...	Arrive Trichinopoly.
4-30 P. M.	...	Visit Fort and Temple.
8 P. M.	...	Dinner in Camp (with or without guests).
9-30 P. M.	...	Illumination of the Rock.
10-30 P. M.	...	Departure for Bangalore.

(Sd.) A.

No. 40.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Oatlands, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, April 10th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of 23rd March. It is *most* kind of you to send me the print of correspondence. It will be very useful to me; and I will keep it absolutely to myself. Bigge, like all good Private Secretaries, tells his chief everything. The scheme for division of duties is just what I hoped it would be, and I will lay it before the Prince, when I return to London on Thursday. I have been thinking over the idea of an A.-D.-C. deputed from the Foreign Department for visits and return visits of Chiefs. If a Local Political Officer in each Agency were placed on special duty he could keep us straight as regards ceremonial. I suppose that the Prince would meet the Chiefs at the same point as you meet them,

and that the Atar-Pan ceremony would be the same. The only reason against having a special officer from the Foreign Department is room in the train. At present the Prince's idea is to bring his four Equerries, Sir Arthur Bigge, Lord and Lady Shaftesbury, Mr. and Lady Eva Dugdale. This, with English servants, makes a large party.

The same pressure on accommodation suggests the idea that the police arrangements, (6) of sketch of duties, should be made locally. But both as regards the Political Officer and the special Policeman the Prince will be entirely guided by you.

The *Times* will send a correspondent, and other papers will, I believe, also send out correspondents. Reuter sends out a Mr. Watson, whom I have never seen. It will be impossible to accommodate the Press on the Prince's train, but when necessity arises I thought it might be well to take Reuter's man along in the train, if this can be done without irritating the English and Indian Pressmen. If arrangements could be made for billeting the Pressmen from England at the various places on the tour it would be a great kindness, as many of them will find it difficult to secure decent accommodation. The Prince would be gratified if you would appoint the Photographers. I have not heard of any photographer going out from England.

I will consult Bigge as to whether correspondence on such matters should go to him or to me. He shows me everything and takes my opinion. I advised on the Calcutta University, holding that as Calcutta was the capital, the Prince might accept the compliment without invidious slight to the other Universities. The King suggested my title, "Head of the Staff." He said "Chief of the Staff" was too germane.

I wonder what your plans will be—whether you will meet Their Royal Highnesses at Bombay or at Calcutta—whether at the landing or at Malabar Point—at Howrah or on the steps of Government House?

Captain Tyrerwhitt, who will command the *Renown*, tells me that he cannot go up the Hooghly, and he does not know whether he could disembark the party off Madras. His idea is to take the party on board at the mouth of the Hooghly, and convey them to Rangoon, but if he cannot disembark them comfortably at Madras, it would seem better to leave the *Renown* at Bombay and to do Rangoon and Madras in a ship of the Royal Indian Marine, if one were available.

There is a great and widespread sympathy for you and India in this dreadful earthquake.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 41.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Govr.-Genl.,
Central India.

Indore, April 11th, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have to reply to your private and confidential letter of the 20th March about the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

As regards your list of 17 Chiefs (in addition to Scindia) who are entitled to the honour of exchanging visits with the Viceroy, I may observe that Baoni, whose salute is only 11 guns, does not seem ever to have been received in

* The then Nawab was invited in 1875 to attend at Agra on His present Majesty; but was unable to do so.

formal Durbar by a Viceroy or to have been specially* accorded the privilege of a return visit: he should, therefore, apparently come out of the list. Of the others, Indore, Dewas (Senior Branch), Dhar, and Panna are minors, and might be ruled out on this ground, if they could not be presented to His Royal Highness without undertaking a lengthy journey.

You have mentioned the visits which King Edward exchanged with certain Central India Chiefs at Calcutta and Agra; but you do not refer to the similar ceremonies which took place during His Majesty's stay at Indore in March 1876, when he exchanged visits with Holkar, Dewas (both branches), Dhar, Jaora, and Ratlam. The Jagirdar of Alipura was also presented to King Edward at Agra, and several of the small Chiefs and Thakurs were at Indore during His Majesty's visit and were doubtless presented, though there is no distinct statement on record here.

There exists undoubtedly a genuine and widespread desire to see His Royal Highness, and great will be the disappointment if only a fortunate few of our Chiefs are able to approach him.

Would it not be possible to arrange that His Royal Highness, like his father, should pay a visit to Indore? It would be extremely popular, would give a most valuable fillip to many matters in this rather Sleepy Hollow, and would render comparatively easy the question of Central India presentations and visits. What I should then suggest would be—

(I) That those of our Chiefs who are members of the Indian Orders should be invited to Calcutta. There are nine, *viz.* :—

Gwalior	...	G. C. S. I.	Bhopal	...	G. C. I. E.
Rewa	...	G. C. S. I.	Orchha	...	G. C. I. E.

Datia	...	K. C. S. I.	Ajaigarh	...	K. C. I. E.
Alipura	...	C. S. I.	Charkhari	...	K. C. I. E.
		Sailana	...	K. C. I. E.	

At least three of these (Ajaigarh, Sailana and Alipura) could probably be excused on grounds of health or expense and might perhaps be presented elsewhere.

(II) Baoni, Bijawar, Ohhattarpur, and Samthar (with Ajaigarh and Alipura, if excused from Calcutta) might go to Agra, where, if the time available for ceremonial permitted, one or two of the smaller Chiefs from Bundelkhand might also attend for presentation only.

(III) At Indore we could assemble the two Dewas Chiefs, Dhar, Jaora, Ratlam, Sitamau, Sailana, and such of the other Chiefs and Thakurs as it might appear advisable to invite.

I do not think the fact of the present Maharaja Holkar being a minor need be any bar. His Highness has developed greatly in the past year and could take his part in a function with self-possession and credit.

I hope that this idea of an Indore visit can be entertained. I am sure we could fully and satisfactorily occupy any time which His Royal Highness could afford.

Firstly, we might perhaps have some function at the Daly College. I am about to report officially on this subject. I will merely say here that the subscriptions of the Central India Chiefs towards the reconstitution of the College will not fall short of the original gifts of the Rajputana Chiefs to the Mayo College, which totalled 11 lakhs, and that the proposal to be placed before Government is to rebuild the College entirely on an excellent new site, the gift of the Indore Durbar.

Secondly, as regards purely local interest, there is now approaching completion the "Edward Hall," which is the Town Hall built by the Indore Durbar in commemoration of the Coronation and the first building of this description ever erected by the Indore State. Perhaps His Royal Highness might declare this open.

Thirdly, there is Mandu within reach by motor.

Fourthly, a capital duck shoot could be arranged at Depalpur, about 25 miles out (to be done by motor), where there is a tank fit for 15 to 20 guns. As to its capacity I may mention that, although it has been pretty steadily shot all the season, four guns (quite an inadequate number) got over 300 head there one day last month.

The visit to Indore might, perhaps, be fitted in soon after His Royal Highness's arrival, or, as in his father's case, just before his departure for

England. The latter would be the better date from the local point of view, as it would give more time for preparation.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 42.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Private Secy.
to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., April 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

With regard to a Doctor to accompany Their Royal Highnesses during their stay in India; the Prince of Wales understands from Sir Frederick Treves that Dr. Havelock Charles' name was suggested by him as being in every way suitable, and Sir Frederick is under the impression that you quite concurred in this favourable opinion of Dr. Charles, and, under this impression, Sir Frederick told the King, and His Majesty approved of the nomination. Under these circumstances the Prince hopes that you may have definitely decided upon Dr. Charles. Dr. Perry is, I believe, a bachelor. The King was strongly of opinion that a married man was essential.

I am so sorry if there has been any misunderstanding.

The Prince of Wales would not, of course, have told me to suggest Dr. Perry, or indeed anyone had His Royal Highness been aware that Dr. Charles had practically been recommended by Sir F. Treves, and, upon this recommendation being endorsed by you, approved by the King.

It was some time during the summer that Sir Frederick Treves saw you on the subject.

Their Royal Highnesses were so thankful to hear of Lady Curzon's merciful escape from the danger of the earthquake at Simla.

Believe me, yours very truly,
(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 43.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 14th April 1905, 2-50 p. m. (Recd. 11-30 p. m.)

Private. Sir A. Bigge sends the following message:—*Begins.* Until receipt of my letter of today, please suspend action regarding Doctor. *Ends.*

No. 44.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, April 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I add a line to my letter, which I sent from Dublin. Bigge thinks that correspondence might be addressed to me. But the Prince likes to read letters *in extenso*, so if there is anything which you would not wish to be communicated, it might come to me separately.

There is some confusion about the Doctor. Apparently the King and Treves decided last year that Charles was the best man, on your recommendation; but the Prince, Bigge, and I were in ignorance of this, and when I saw the King he said nothing about it.

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I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

P. S.—The Prince has seen your draft of the duties which are to fall on Beatson and myself, and entirely approves of the proposed division.

No. 45.

Extract from a letter from H. H. Sir J. D. LaTouche, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor, United Provinces, to the Viceroy, dated 16th April 1905.

I should like to make arrangements for the visit of the Prince of Wales to this Province and see it through. It would probably be convenient if I presided at the Budget Meeting of 1906, but if convenient to Your Excellency I suggest that I should retire next spring. I naturally wish to choose such a date as would be convenient to Your Excellency and to my successor.

No. 46.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., April 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

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The Prince is rather tempted to have a second day's shoot at Bikanir, but unfortunately one of the days is Sunday ; and I have pointed out that a longer stay at Bikanir may cause invidious comment. Bikanir, who is an A.-D.-C. to the Prince, has written to Sir A. Bigge and to me begging that he may go round with His Royal Highness as A.-D.-C. I kept his letter back, as I do not show any letters that come direct. But Bigge showed his letter from Bikanir to His Royal Highness. I have pointed out to the Prince that, if Sir Pertab comes round, there will hardly be room for Bikanir, and have also pointed out that great honour has already been shown to the Rajputs ; and that Bikanir is already specially honoured by the visit to his capital. The Prince agrees to await your advice.

Dunlop Smith has arrived. He points out that a two hours' halt could easily be made at Jaitu in Nabha territory between Bikanir and Lahore. He also suggests that the Maharaja of Patiala might welcome the Prince on his arrival at Bhatinda.

As regards an Honorary degree from Bombay University, the Prince accepted the honour from Calcutta, as it was the capital of India, but I think he would prefer to be excused from further degrees if all the Universities invite him. Might the matter wait until all the Universities have had time to make their offers, and then make one answer to all according as you advise.

In the tour programme Daulatabad should have been entered instead of Aurungabad as the station for Ellora Caves, and Sir D. Barr advises that we should go from Hyderabad to Manmad, and thence to Daulatabad.

My wife joins with me in kindest regards to Her Excellency and yourself, and I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 47.

*Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E.,
dated April 22nd, 1905.*

Royal Visit.

I enclose two alternative programmes that I have drawn up.

The main difference between the two is that in (B) it is proposed that Their Royal Highnesses should land on Thursday (5 P. M. would not be too late). This would give great relief from the pressure of engagements during their stay. I am informed too that Malabar Point would be far cooler than on board ship in the harbour at night.

I also enclose a Memorandum showing what the King did during his [visit] and remarks on my proposed programme.

Quail cannot be relied on in Kaira, and that suggestion must, I think, be dismissed, at all events so far as we can foresee.

Why should they not pass a couple of hours seeing some of the buildings at Ahmedabad? This can be done in private.

Her Royal Highness would probably like to see the manufacture of Kinkobs, &c.

Sind.—No proposals have come from Sind, but there is time for consideration of the programme there. Mr. Mackenzie has just gone on leave; Morison is acting for him, and Younghusband will probably be Commissioner at the time of the visit. I imagine you will not go to see off Their Royal Highnesses thence.

Dunn, Chairman of the Improvement Trust, asks for a large thoroughfare now being made to be opened by Their Royal Highnesses. This could be easily done, with but slight delay, in going to or returning from one or the other functions. I enclose you his letter.

The omission of any visit to Poona seemed to me a mistake, and I still think some attention should be paid to it, however short the stay. But I cannot press it as neither Monteath nor Edgerley think it necessary.

I propose that I should correspond direct with Bigge or Lawrence about details. It would save delay and facilitate matters.

Amphill will not forego a drawing-room, holding that ladies thereby obtain a Court status. Had this been the case I am sure the Australian fair ones would have insisted on such a function, but I have no recollection of any being held during the Australian Royal Tour.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM G. OWEN DUNN, Esq., to J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq.

City Improvement Trust, Bombay, April 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR DuBOULAY,

I should be glad to know whether His Excellency the Governor would have any objection were the Board to make a request that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be graciously pleased, during his projected stay in Bombay next November, to formally open the Board's new 80-Street from Queen's Road to Camac Bridge. We have just removed the difficulties which have so far prevented us opening the road into Queen's Road and completing the clear road up to, what will be, Kalbadevi Circle where the new road bifurcates, and by September at latest I hope to have this considerable length completed.

This is the first large street scheme of the Board, and I intended to suggest that it be called 'King Edward Street'—though perhaps 'Prince's Street' might be adopted if His Royal Highness opens it.

The street will be a very important improvement, the gross estimated cost being 82½ lakhs, and the probable *net* cost to the City after disposal of the new frontages about 20 lakhs.

I have not yet approached the Board on the subject, deeming it best to first consult His Excellency the Governor.

It need not be a long function, and might be taken *en route* to another perhaps.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) G. OWEN DUNN.

DRAFT PROGRAMME—A.

Thursday, November 9th—

5-0	P. M.	...	Arrive at Bombay.
5-0	"	...	His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief to go on Board.
5-30	"	...	His Excellency the Viceroy and Suite to go on Board.
5-45	"	...	His Excellency the Governor & Staff, the Members of Council, and Chief Justice to go on Board.

Friday, November 10th—

7-30	A. M.	...	Reply to Address of welcome on Landing at Pier.
			Presentation of Chiefs.
			Drive in State to Government House.
9-30	"	...	Breakfast.
10-30	"	...	Visits from 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.

Friday, November 10th—(contd.)

2-0 P. M.	...	Lunch.
4-30 „	...	Levée at Secretariat. Purdah Party at Government House.
5-45 „	...	Convocation of University, or visit to Dockyard and Flagships.
8-15 „	...	Banquet to include all Chiefs and leading Native Notables who will dine, and a few Europeans, followed by a Reception of Native Chiefs and Sardars.

Saturday, November 11th—

Morning	...	Rest.
Forenoon	...	Return half the visits of 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.
Afternoon	...	Lay the Foundation Stone of the New Dock, and, if not done already, inspect Dockyard and visit Flagships.
Evening	...	Banquet and Drawing-Room.

Sunday, November 12th—

Morning	...	Rest.
Forenoon	...	Brief interviews with persons whom His Royal Highness may wish to see, or persons specially recommended by the Governor.
Afternoon	...	Drive and Cathedral.

Monday, November 13th—

Morning	...	Rest or sight-seeing.
Forenoon	...	Return remaining visits of Chiefs.
Afternoon	...	Lay Commemoration Foundation Stone and drive to visit children's Fête.
Evening	...	Dinner and General Reception or Byculla Ball if proposed.

Tuesday, November 14th—

Morning	...	Rest or visit places of interest.
Forenoon	...	Brief interviews with prominent persons, if any left.
Afternoon	...	Go by Steam Launch to Elephanta Caves or Garden Party, if no Reception on Monday.
Evening	...	Private dinner and private departure.

DRAFT PROGRAMME—B.

Thursday, November 9th—

12 Noon	...	Arrive at Bombay. His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief to go on Board.
3-30 P. M.	...	His Excellency the Viceroy and Staff to go on Board.
3-45 „	...	His Excellency the Governor and Staff, Members of Council, and Chief Justice to go on Board.

Thursday, November 9th—(contd.)

4-30 P. M.	...	Land at the Bandar. Presentation of Chiefs, &c.
5-0 "	...	Reply to Addresses.
5-30 "	...	Drive in State to Government House.
8-15 "	...	Banquet to include all Chiefs and Leading Native Notables who will dine, and a few Europeans, followed by a reception of Native Chiefs and Sardars.

This could, if a quiet evening be commanded, be postponed to Friday, the remaining evening engagements following programme A.

Friday, November 10th—

Morning	...	Rest.
9-30 A. M.	...	Breakfast.
10-30 "	...	Receive visits from 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.
2-0 P. M.	...	Lunch.
4-30 "	...	Levéé at Secretariat. Purdah Party at Government House.
5-45 "	...	Convocation of University, or visit to Dockyard and Flagships.
Evening	...	Banquet and Drawing Room.

Saturday, November 11th—

Morning	...	Rest.
Forenoon	...	Return half the visits of 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.
Afternoon	...	Lay the Foundation Stone of the New Dock, and, if not already done, inspect Dockyard and visit flagships.
Evening	...	Dinner and General Reception.

Sunday, November 12th—

Morning	...	Rest.
Forenoon	...	Brief interviews with persons whom His Royal Highness may wish to see, or persons specially recommended by the Governor.
Afternoon	...	Drive and attend Cathedral.

Monday, November 13th—

Morning	...	Rest, or sight-seeing.
Forenoon	...	Return remaining visits of Chiefs.
Afternoon	...	Lay Commemoration Foundation Stone, and drive to visit Children's Fête.
Evening	...	Dinner and State Ball or Byculla Ball if proposed.

Tuesday, November 14th—

Morning	...	Rest, or visit places of interest.
Forenoon	...	Brief interviews with prominent persons, if any left.
Afternoon	...	Go by Steam Launch to Elephanta Caves.
Evening	...	Private dinner and private departure.

NOTES.

Time of arrival.

His Majesty in 1875 spent seven clear days in Bombay without a Sunday : the present draft programme gives Bombay only five clear days with a Sunday. The number of public appearances

Their Royal Highnesses can make must therefore necessarily be curtailed. Under these circumstances it would be of advantage if *The Renown* could arrive as early as 12 noon on the 9th, so that all arrival ceremonies and disembarkation, as well as an evening function at Government House, could be completed on that day.

In any case it would be of great advantage if, in the event of disembarkation on the 9th being out of the question, it could be arranged sufficiently early on the 10th, to permit of a full day being available for functions.

Accordingly two draft programmes have been drawn up, one providing for an arrival at 12 noon in harbour, and disembarkation the same day, the other providing for an arrival at 5 p. m. in Harbour, and the reception of the formal welcome of the Naval Commander-in-Chief, the Viceroy, and the Governor on that day; the disembarkation being early the following morning.

In favour of the former alternative it may be mentioned that in early November it will in all probability be uncomfortably hot on board ship in the Harbour, specially at night.

The visits of welcome by the Naval Commander-in-Chief, the Viceroy, and Governor are in accordance with precedent. The Corporation will doubtless desire to present an address, though the matter has not yet been before them.

The Chamber of Commerce have officially expressed a desire to present an address, and it is for consideration and orders whether they should be allowed to do so.

It would not appreciably add to the length of the ceremony, and a joint reply might be made to the Corporation and the Chamber; on the other hand, though the Chamber represent the Commercial interests of the City, they are themselves represented on the Corporation, and it may be questioned whether it is desirable to establish a precedent of allowing the Commercial element to offer a separate and independent welcome.

It seems desirable that the Levée should be on the first day. It is for convenience' sake usually held in the afternoon in the Secretariat in Bombay, and that was the course followed by His Majesty. This would enable the Reception of Chiefs to be held in the evening.

Further, if Her Royal Highness were disposed to be present at a Purdah Party, that could very conveniently be held at Government House at the same time as the Levée is being held at the Secretariat.

His Royal Highness will probably wish to visit the Flagships as was done by His Majesty, and this and the visit to the Dockyard might come after the Levée, thus enabling the Purdah ladies to be away from Government House before His Royal Highness and gentlemen returned.

The alternative put down is the University Convocation. In 1875 the University had not the power of conferring an Honorary Degree, and were only able to present an address. They have now the power of conferring an Honorary Degree, and are most desirous of the honour of conferring it upon His Royal Highness. So long as they have had the power they have exercised it most discriminatingly, and it is for consideration whether His Royal Highness should not be moved to accept a degree at their hands.

It may, on the one hand, be questioned whether the Bombay University is of sufficient importance, and whether the controversial attitude adopted by some of the members of its Senate in reference to the Universities Act is such as to justify any honour being accorded to the University.

On the other hand, it may be urged that permission to confer an Honorary Degree upon His Royal Highness would undoubtedly increase the prestige of the New University in its youth, and strengthen the hands of those in authority in it.

In the matter of receiving and returning visits of Chiefs, it may be noted that in 1875 a somewhat general invitation issued to Chiefs and Sardars to be present in Bombay.

It is presumed that on the present occasion none but Bombay Chiefs will be officially present in Bombay.

His Majesty received separate visits from all 11-gun Chiefs and upwards; he received visits from *all* the Kathiawar 9-gun Chiefs *together*; but from a number of other 9-gun Chiefs separately. He returned visits of all 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.

It seems therefore the Prince ought, if possible, to receive separately and separately return the visits of *all* 11-gun Chiefs and upwards.

Excluding Idar, Khairpur, and Radhanpur (minor), and adding Janjira and His Highness the Aga Khan, there will be 14 visits to receive and return. There will be no difficulty in getting through the receiving of these in one morning.

Returning them will probably take two, for the arrangement of popping to and from room to room in the Secretariat is likely to give offence.

The formal reception of all the minor Chiefs, whose visits need no return, would take place in the form of the Reception of Chiefs and Sardars put down on the first night.

The Bombay Port Trust are initiating a very large scheme of Dock Improvement, and it is earnestly hoped that His Royal Highness will consent to lay the Foundation Stone.

Further orders will be awaited in regard to the Drawing Room. At present there are no occasions in Bombay at which Court trains and feathers are worn, and if these will be required it is desirable that considerable notice should be given, in order that people may have time to make preparations.

It would also be desirable if it could be made known whether presentation at the Drawing Room and Levée would be held equivalent to presentation at Court.

Sunday morning would be a not unsuitable time for according brief interviews to gentlemen selected for the honour by His Royal Highness, but it need not appear on the programme.

On Monday afternoon it is hoped that His Royal Highness will find time to lay the Foundation Stone of a Building, probably in the form of a Museum to be erected in commemoration of his visit. The scheme is not yet fully developed, but there is good hope that a considerable sum of money will be forthcoming.

It may be taken as almost certain that some form of a Children's Fête will be given in honour of His Royal Highness's visit, and if he would visit this it would be greatly appreciated.

It seems quite probable that the Byculla Club may desire to give a Ball as was done in 1875, and, if Their Royal Highnesses were willing to attend it, it would of course be greatly appreciated.

If a Byculla Ball is attended, the General Reception cannot be very well held as well as the Drawing-Room, and in that event perhaps a garden party might be given on the afternoon of November 14th.

These matters, as well as the State Ball tentatively entered in programme B, must depend upon various factors which are still uncertain.

Finally, there is already one, and probably there will be several more requests for His Royal Highness's attendance at various functions.

The Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association is anxious that His Royal Highness should preside at the distribution of awards; but the society is not of sufficient importance in Bombay to warrant this demand upon His Royal Highness's time being complied with.

It is quite likely that the Municipal Corporation will desire to invite His Royal Highness to a Banquet, but it does not seem probable that an evening can be spared for the purpose. No other proposals have yet been made, and those that may hereafter be made will have to be considered with reference to the time at His Royal Highness's disposal.

Summary of what His Majesty the King did when he visited Bombay in 1875, as Prince of Wales.

Arrival and Reply to Municipal address.
Evening Reception of European and Native gentlemen.
Receiving and returning visits of Chiefs.
Visit to Flagships.
View of illuminations in honour of his Birthday.
Levéé.
Visit to children's fête.
Attending Byculla Ball to Officers of the Royal Navy.
Address from University.
Attending public dinner to men of Royal Navy.
Laying Foundation Stone of Prince's Dock.
Visit to Elephanta and view of illumination of Shipping.
Presentation of Colours to a Native Regiment.
State Ball at Government House.
Visit to the Parsee Towers of Silence and other sights.
Visit to four private houses.
Reception of Native Chiefs and Sardars.

N^o. 48.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

Telegram, Mahableshwar, 22nd April 1905, 4-48 p m. (Recd. 8-20 p. m.)

Your telegram of yesterday. Royal visit. My answer to your letter will be despatched today.

No. 49.

FROM H. E. THE LORD LAMINGTON, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

April 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR GEORGE,

I now forward you our Karachi programme as revised.

The only important alterations are (1) the necessary shifting of engagements from Sunday to Saturday; (2) the unveiling of the late Queen's Statue by Thorneycroft at a cost of £6,000.

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) LAMINGTON.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

KARACHI.

March 17th, Saturday—

8 A. M.	...	Public arrival. Municipal Address.
Forenoon	...	Receive visit from Mir of Khairpur.
Afternoon	...	Return visit of His Highness.
		Unveil Queen's Statue.
Evening	...	State Dinner and Reception.

March 18th, Sunday—

Dies non ... Church.

March 19th, Monday—

Inspect harbour and defences, either in early morning or in the evening after on the way to embarkation (*i. e.*, after public departure from the Jetty.)

No. 50.

Extract from letter from H. H. Sir C. M. Rivaz, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab, dated 24th April 1905.

As regards the Prince of Wales' visit, I certainly think Patiala and Jind would be hurt, and not without reason, if His Royal Highness halted at Nabha. A visit to Patiala would not necessarily entail visits to Jind and

Nabha, as both recognize Patiala as the premier Phulkian State, but a visit to, or even halt in the train at, Nabha alone, would undoubtedly be regarded by Patiala and Jind as a slight on themselves, and they would not dissociate old Nabha's personality in this matter from its State aspect. I hope Your Excellency will discourage the proposal.

I shall be much obliged if Your Excellency will ask Baring to let my Private Secretary, Robertson, know if—

(1) We may count on Their Royal Highnesses accepting a Ball in the Montgomery Hall from the Punjab during their visit to Lahore. There is a spare evening for it in the programme.

(2) I am to be responsible for the Prince's camp and entertainment at Delhi. I am sorry to trouble, but arrangements have to be made beforehand, and Robertson is going home on short leave in a fortnight or so.

No. 51.

Governor of Madras to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Ootacamund, 25th April 1905, 5-18 p. m. (Recd. 8-45 p. m.)

Your telegram of 25th April. I consider drawing-room desirable. It would give great pleasure to European ladies who would otherwise not have an honour of being presented to the Princess.

No. 52.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Mahableshwar, 25th April 1905, 4-13 p. m. (Recd. 7 p. m.)

Your telegram of today. On the whole I am opposed to drawing-room, but on the understanding that it is to be equivalent to presentations at Court I think the drawing-room should be held at Bombay if it is to be held elsewhere.

No. 53.

Extract from a letter from H. E. the Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras, to the Viceroy, dated 26th April 1905.

I am glad that you liked my suggestions for altering the programme of the Prince of Wales' visit to Madras, and I hope that they will eventually be approved. I am much obliged to you for letting me tell the Maharaja of Travancore and the Raja of Cochin what will be expected of them, and I shall communicate with them at once. It will no doubt be a great convenience to them to know that they will have to come to Madras and that they need not think of any preparations in their own States. I shall also tell the people in Madras that they may go ahead with a public meeting and the formation of a Reception Committee with a view to the Royal visit being at the end of January.

I see that Bombay did not wait to be told about dates before they held their public meeting, but then they could not have much doubt as to when the arrival would be.

No. 54.

FROM THE HON. MR. J. P. HEWETT, C.S.I., C.I.E., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Simla, April 26th, 1905.

DEAR MR. PUTNAM,

In reply to your letter dated 24th, which only reached me yesterday afternoon, I write to assure His Excellency that arrangements will be made to exempt the Prince of Wales and his party from Customs examination and duties on landing at Bombay.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.

No. 55.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., April 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I enclose a short memorandum of ideas that have struck me about the tour. Perhaps they have already been suggested. If they reach you too late for incorporation in the Viceroy's final recommendations, I will not propose them this end, unless I have his permission.

MEMO :

November 18th.—Udaipur; return visit of Maharana the same day.

December 5th.—Several persons have advised that His Royal Highness should not visit the city, and also suggest that he should not go up the Khyber beyond Ali Masjid. He himself is very keen to see Landi Kotal. I have thought that, if the city is not visited, he might pay a visit to the Cutcherry, and see a case tried by a Civilian and by a Native Extra Assistant Commissioner.

December 7th.—Jammu. Perhaps a Devils dance might be arranged. They sometimes have Ladakis down.

December 25th.—Gwalior. There might be a review of Scindia's army.

December 26th.—The Mutiny veterans might muster at the Residency.

December 31st.—As there is the Proclamation Parade in morning of 1st, Their Royal Highnesses would like to return to Calcutta after dinner.

February 16th.—Sir David Barr advises our going to Manmad and thence to Dowlatabad. He says that we cannot get to Ellora in the time allotted. When the Prince is at Military centres he wishes to drive through Cantonments with the General. It would be a good thing if he stopped informally at the European Military Hospital.

At Hyderabad I see that Their Royal Highnesses will stay in one of the Nizam's palaces. They ought to accept some hospitality from the Resident. The same idea would apply in Mysore if Their Royal Highnesses do not stay with Resident.

At Calcutta, on 3rd, I suggested to Their Royal Highnesses that they should go to a Garden party at Belvedere. Would this meet the Viceroy's objection? See his letter, March 9th, clause (9).

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 56.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

York Cottage, Sandringham, Norfolk, April 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

The Prince of Wales has been asked by General Sir W. Gordon Cameron, Colonel of the Royal Lancaster Regiment, the 1st Battalion of which is now in Calcutta, if he will present new colours to the Battalion. I have replied that all the arrangements connected with the Royal visit are in your hands: but if it is possible consistently with your plans for His Royal Highness to perform the ceremony, he will be glad to do so.

The King is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

I am writing to catch tomorrow's mail.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 57.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., April 28th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

In your letter of 9th March you kindly said you would appoint a baggage master. How would Daulat Ram, now at Gwalior, do? I never met a better man for arrangements, and he would be very useful as a kind of Postal agent as well.

Several people have written suggesting Rae Bahadur Kali Kumar Day as a treasurer. If he is not too old he would do the work excellently.

I enclose a letter about Straight, the Police Officer. If arrangements are made Provincially he would be an excellent man for the United Provinces.

So far the *Daily Mail* is sending Maxwell as correspondent. Reuter sends Watson. *Illustrated London News* sends Begg. *Times* sends a man, but has

not yet selected him. I hope it may be Chirol. Maxwell thinks that the cost will deter most newspapers.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 57a.

FROM HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR, G. C. I. E.,
TO S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Offg. Secy. to Govt., Foreign Dept.

Cooch Behar, April 28th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

As you know, I have a house in Calcutta, and should, in the ordinary course of events, ask to be allowed to entertain the illustrious guests who will visit Calcutta next cold weather.

Personally I would much prefer, if it could be arranged, to entertain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, by having a small shoot for him in Assam, if I am permitted to do so.

Do you think there is any chance of any such offer of mine being favourably regarded? If so, I will write to His Excellency the Viceroy on the subject.

Failing this, I had contemplated a garden party at Woodlands, Calcutta, and should like to know if this form of entertainment would be acceptable; for, if so, I shall have to begin getting the place ready at once. Of late years we have somewhat economised in the up-keep of the grounds which have suffered in consequence.

But I myself should much prefer to entertain His Royal Highness in a small shoot in Assam.

I have discussed the matter with my Council, and there will be no difficulty about finances. All my debts will have been discharged by then. In fact, the whole of the loan taken from the Alliance Bank has already been paid off.

As one of the few Chiefs in this part of India, I naturally wish to do something towards entertaining the Prince and Princess, who have shown both the Maharani and myself considerable kindness.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) NRIPENDRA NARAYAN BHUP.

No. 58.

FROM SARATH KUMAR GHOSH, Esq., 28, Elgin Avenue, London, W., April 28th, 1905.

SIR,

On the occasion of the coming tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales perhaps an official book will be written, expressing the

sentiments of the princes and people of India towards the Throne; and in contemplation of the growing importance of Asiatic politics, and for diverse other reasons, it may be deemed just and expedient that an Indian should be appointed to write that book rather than an Englishman.

If so, perhaps Your Excellency's Government will be desired to make or to confirm that appointment: thus, merely in lieu of any other Indian writer, I humbly venture to offer myself for that post.

I have no claim to it except that I happen to be the sole Indian writer known alike in India and in England—and to some extent in America, France, and Germany.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's
most obedient servant,
SARATH KUMAR GHOSH.

No. 59.

FROM THE HON'BLE SIR J. A. BOURDILLON, K. C. S. I., Resident in Mysore.

Camp Ootacamund, April 29th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 22nd about the visit to Mysore of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

I have just seen the Maharaja and discussed the matter with him. His Highness is greatly pleased at the intimation, which he had hoped in due course to receive, that Their Royal Highnesses would like to spend some time within the Mysore State, and he has begged me to assure His Excellency through you of his gratification. An invitation to Their Royal Highnesses will be sent at once under cover of a *kharita* to His Excellency.

The provisional arrangements suggested in your letter are very acceptable to His Highness, *viz.*, two days in Bangalore, two or three days in Mysore (including a day at Seringapatam), and three days in a shooting camp. His Highness has expressed his complete willingness to arrange for an elephant *kheddah*, and had already thought of the scheme, but it has to be said that *kheddah* operations cannot be absolutely promised until it is known what the next rainy season is like: therefore His Highness would prefer if the *kheddah* could be entered provisionally in the programme of His Royal Highness, subject to confirmation or elision later in the year. If a *kheddah* cannot be held, good sport with tiger can confidently be expected.

No doubt Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of the Resident at Bangalore, and they will most probably be asked to honour the Civil and Military Station with their presence at some social function.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. A. BOURDILLON.

No. 60.

Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 30th April 1905.

Lady Jenkins wrote to me that the Native ladies of Bombay refused to allow Europeans to be connected with an address that they wish to present to Her Royal Highness, and asked me whether European ladies should not then present their own. I answered I saw no reason whatsoever for an address from Europeans, and that the omission would not be misinterpreted. I today hear that High Court ladies are excited at the action of the Natives; so I write in the hopes that a similar procedure in respect of having no European address may be adopted in Calcutta. Personally, I imagine the address would not be received. I do not see what *locus* collectively they have.

No. 61.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

May 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

You will no doubt realise that your letter of the 27th April, announcing that the Prince of Wales cannot visit Indore, has come to me as a great disappointment. I feel sure that this disappointment will be keenly felt by the Chiefs of Central India, more especially if, as your letter seems to suggest, the Chiefs of other Provinces are to be more fortunate.

The Jhansi programme is certainly a possibility and, if no better may be, we will utilise it as fully as possible. Should it come off, I am disposed to think that the best plan would be to have at Jhansi *all* the Central India

Chiefs (except Scindia) who are to be presented. I cannot, however, disguise from myself that the arrangement is not one which would be likely to prove gratifying to the Chiefs.

I hope, therefore, to be excused if, at the risk of appearing persistent, I enquire whether the question of a visit to Indore cannot be reconsidered. When you wrote, the Viceroy cannot have seen my letter of the 24th April about the Daly College. I trust that His Excellency will approve the idea of giving the College an entirely fresh start. If so, it would be a splendid thing in every way for the Prince to lay the foundation stone. I submit that the Chiefs of Central India have earned consideration by their generosity, and such a function would not only be extremely gratifying to them, but should prove a great stimulus to education.

Your letter does not indicate any details of the Prince's movements; but it suggests that room might be found for a visit to Indore with scarcely any net loss of time. I assume that His Royal Highness will not halt anywhere between Bombay and Ajmer. Why should he not proceed to Ajmer through Central India? It might even be better, if he is not to visit Baroda, that he should come this way. It would be necessary to time the departure from Bombay so that the change of gauge at Khandwa could be taken at a suitable

Leave Bombay, say,	22	hours	1st	day.
Arrive Khandwa "	8	"	2nd	"
" Indore "	12	"	2nd	"
Leave " "	22	"	3rd	"
Arrive Ajmer "	10	"	4th	"

TOTAL 2½ days.

hour—say 8 A. M. This could be done by leaving Bombay after dinner, which would land His Royal Highness here about midday. He could leave the following evening and reach Ajmer early on the 4th day. If he travels direct from Bombay to Ajmer, this will, I suppose, occupy 24 hours; while of the apparent excess of 1½ days, 1 day (or at least the working hours of it) would be saved by avoiding the necessity for the trip to Jhansi and back, which trip, I may incidentally observe, might apparently upset the Gwalior tiger shoot.

I entirely agree that no Central India Chiefs should be invited to Calcutta if no other Chiefs are going there. My suggestions in that direction were prompted by visions of a Chapter to which members of the Indian Orders would be invited. If only His Royal Highness could come to Indore and afford us the time suggested, or even one clear day, we could easily arrange all our visits and presentations here. This would not only be satisfactory to the Chiefs, but would be advantageous in other ways since the presence of practically the whole body could be utilised to settle fully and clearly a variety of points connected with the future of the Daly College.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 62.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P., to the
Military Secy. to Viceroy.

Camp, May 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

It has been suggested that the State dinner to be given at Lucknow during the visit of the Prince of Wales might conveniently take place at the Chutter Munzil. It would be easier in many ways to make suitable arrangements there than in Durbar tents pitched in the Government House compound; and His Royal Highness would perhaps prefer that the State dinner should be in a historical building. His Honour would be glad to know whether His Excellency would be inclined to approve of the suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

No. 63.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

The Shrubbery, Darjeeling, May 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I have received Your Excellency's letter of the 22nd ultimo regarding the projected visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales. You invite my opinion and suggestions on the provisional programme contained in that letter.

May I first refer to the visit to Darjeeling? We should be very proud and glad to make arrangements for that. Leaving on the 6th of January, Their Royal Highnesses would reach Darjeeling on the 7th; and they would have to leave on the 8th to reach Calcutta on the 9th. We should be glad either to accompany or precede them to Darjeeling, and receive them in the Shrubbery, if that honour were permitted. We should do all we could to make their visit a success.

Turning to the details of the Calcutta programme, I fully agree in thinking that the seven items mentioned in your third paragraph must be in the programme. I also agree that what you propose in your fourth paragraph to add to these seven items should be added. As for ourselves, we certainly should desire (item *b*) to entertain Their Royal Highnesses in Calcutta.

I fear that it would be rather an unpopular thing to omit fireworks. I cannot yet say definitely that they will be proposed by the Native community; but I am almost certain that this will be so. There is no doubt that nothing interests the common people more, or attracts larger crowds, than a display of fireworks. If you think that a special night cannot be given for this purpose, perhaps the fireworks might take place in the centre of the Race Course, and be witnessed by Their Royal Highnesses, for a few minutes at least, on their way home from the dinner at Belvedere.

I have little doubt, as Your Excellency says, that the Natives will wish to do something of their own in connection with Their Royal Highnesses' visit. I cannot yet say, however, what form their entertainment will take. I should like to ascertain their views, and then refer to you for approval.

My wife suggested to Your Excellency at dinner at Government House that she might give a Zenana (or Pardah) party at Belvedere to enable the leading ladies of Bengal to see the Princess of Wales. My wife thinks that you regarded the suggestion favourably; and perhaps Her Royal Highness might be able to attend that.

My wife also spoke to Lady Curzon about the feasibility of having a fête on behalf of the Dufferin Fund. And Her Excellency seemed to approve of the effort being made. If Their Royal Highnesses could attend that, we should try to pull it through. Otherwise I think that perhaps it had better not be next season at all, as people will probably have had enough of shows.

I do not know how far it is proposed to permit Associations or public bodies other than the Corporation of Calcutta to present addresses. I have no doubt that applications will be made; and I should like to know what Your Excellency's views are in regard to this matter, and as to where addresses, if any, should be presented. I do not think myself that there should be any formal reception of Their Royal Highnesses in any place in Bengal outside of Calcutta. That is, I would not have a formal visit to Patna or any other part of the province. If this view is correct, then any addresses permitted must be presented in Calcutta. The zamindars, planters, merchants, &c, of the province may not consider themselves included in the Corporation address. Might they, in that case, present one joint address from the province?

Cutting out the Darjeeling trip there will only be eight days (December 30th to January 5th, inclusive, and January 10th) in Calcutta, one of which is a Sunday, and one extra morning (January 6th), and afternoon (January 9th); so time will be fully occupied.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

No. 64.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

May 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

As instructed in your demi-official letter of the 22nd April, I wrote to the Maharaja Scindia regarding the contemplated visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Gwalior.

The Maharaja has replied expressing the greatest pleasure at the intimation, and adding that the time suggested will suit him excellently.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 65.

FROM H. H. SIR H. S. BARNES, K. C. S. I., K. C. V. O., Lieut.-Govr. of Burma.

Govt. House, Maymyo, May 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I have received your letter of April the 22nd about the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Burma. I am afraid it is too late for me to take any action in the matter as I leave Maymyo *en route* to England in 3 days' time. I am therefore making your letter over to Sir Thirkell White with whom I will discuss the matter before going. Personally I should be inclined to say that a trip down the river from Mandalay to Prome is not very interesting at the end of January, when the river is low, and there is much uncertainty about duck shoots in Burma. I have had none that can compare with the sport that is obtainable at Bhurtpore and in Sind. On the other hand, the upper and lower defiles of the Irrawaddy are well worth a visit, and the Prince could return by train from Katha to Rangoon. It is a pity there is not time for a Kheddah, as probably a very fine one could be arranged in Burma. In one Kheddah this year Mr. Dalrymple-Clark captured 190 elephants. If proper arrangements were made it would take about four days to see a Kheddah from Mandalay, namely, 1st day, Steamer to Camp; 2nd day, the Drive; 3rd day, the tying up; 4th day, return to Mandalay.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. S. BARNES.

No. 66.

FROM L. D. HEARSEY, Esq., to MILITARY SECRETARY TO VICEROY.

Kheri, Oudh, May 3rd, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I shall be very pleased to place my shooting, on my Palia Estate, in this district, at the disposal of His Excellency the Viceroy, should he care to entertain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as his guest, on the occasion of his visit to Lucknow. I think you are aware that Palia is a convenient distance from Lucknow.

There is good shooting over my preserves for three or four days and a longer time—a week or ten days could be secured by reserving the shooting in the adjoining Government Forests.

I should be very pleased to help the Officer in charge of His Excellency's Camp in any way he may require my services, for pointing out suitable places for Camp, &c., and helping him generally to make all arrangements about *shikar*.

His Excellency could obtain the elephants from the independent State of Rampur in Rohilcund, or from the Talukdari Estate of Balrampur, in the district of Gonda in Oudh. The former place is about 112 miles, as the crow flies, and the latter about 144 miles from Palia.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) L. D. HEARSEY.

No. 67.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P., to the Military Secy. to Viceroy.

Naini Tal, May 4th, 1905.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

His Honour wishes me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter received from the Honorary Secretary to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund Committee: he would like to know whether a request may be sent for the Prince to unveil the Agra Memorial: as the Prince is not to visit Allahabad, he presumes that it would be useless to mention that monument.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM HON. SECY. TO THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE, Agra Branch, Allahabad, to PRIVATE SECY. TO LIEUT.-GOVR., U. P.

May 2nd, 1905.

The Agra and Allahabad Memorials to Queen Victoria will be ready by the cold weather, and the Committee would deem it a great honour if His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would unveil one or both of the Memorials during his visit to India. If this coincides with the views of His Honour on the matter, would you let me know and I will send a formal letter of request on behalf of the Committee? Perhaps this should come after enquiries made as to the Prince's wishes. His Honour would know what is best to be done, and Mr. Justice Knox would be grateful for any hints as to the procedure which should be adopted. The request should, I suppose, go through the Local and Supreme Government to the Prince.

No. 68.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut -Governor , U. P., to the Military Secy. to Viceroy.

Naini Tal, May 5th, 1905.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

His Honour wishes me to send you the enclosed letter from the Honorary Secretary, Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh; he presumes that the answer must be that His Royal Highness has made out his tour and Aligarh is not included in the programme.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM HON. SECY., MUHAMMADAN Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, to PRIVATE SECY. TO LIEUT.-GOVR , U. P.

May 2nd, 1905.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly lay the following before His Honour for his favourable consideration.

The Trustees of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, are looking forward with feelings of genuine delight to the time when Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and the Princess of Wales will honour this country with their visit. It will be the time of great rejoicing and happiness for every loyal subject of His Imperial Majesty, and on such an occasion the Trustees of the College desire to have an opportunity of paying homage to the Heir-Apparent of the Throne. Having this object in view, I, on behalf of the Trustees, take the liberty of asking His Honour to be pleased to move the Government of India to include in the programme of Their Royal Highnesses' tour in India a visit to this College and to receive an humble address from the Trustees who will deem it a great honour, not only to themselves, but to the whole Muhammadan community in India.

No. 69.

FROM THE HON. MR. H. W. W. REYNOLDS, Commissioner, Agra Division.

May 5th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Your demi-official of the 2nd inquiring about the road from Fatehpur Sikri to Bhurtpore.

There is no direct road between the two except a very inferior third-class one.

To go by motor-car from the one place to the other, it will be necessary to return on the Agra Road as far as Keraoli, a distance of about seven miles and a half, thence to Achnera, another three and a half miles, and at Achnera you come on the main road from Agra to Bhurtpore. The road this way is in good order and suitable for motors, the total distance being 28 miles.

From Agra to Fatehpur Sikri is 23 miles, and from Agra to Bhurtpore by the direct road about 33 miles.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. W. REYNOLDS.

No. 70.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., May 5th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Beatson has arrived and we are busy at work.

Captain Tyrwhitt, who commands the *Renown*, is uncertain as to Calcutta, Rangoon and Madras, and he is very anxious to have information on the following points—

The *Renown* draws 27 feet. Can she go right up to Calcutta without risk?

Can she get up to Diamond Harbour? Or should she lay out at the entrance of the Hugli, and if so where?

Can the *Renown* go to Rangoon or must she lay off at entrance? How far would this be from landing stage? Can the *Renown* go inside the Breakwater? If not, what arrangements can be made for disembarking? Will it be difficult for ladies?

The Prince comes up on Monday, and will write, I hope, by next mail about the Staff he will ask you to give him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 70a.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., Private Secy. to H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., May 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR CURZON,

Your letter of April 19th.

The Prince of Wales desires me to thank you sincerely for the liberal arrangement which you have kindly made by which all the expenses of all the Indian officers and subordinate establishments provided by you while Their Royal Highnesses are in India will be defrayed by the Indian Government.

This will, as you say, greatly relieve the strain on the £20,000 grant. His Royal Highness quite agrees to the proposal that we shall bear the cost of: General Beatson's journey to and from England: any clerks required by Lawrence: Native Body servants for the party coming from England.

The Prince would be grateful if you would nominate the following officers to be temporarily appointed to his Staff in India:—

Major Charles Campbell, 11th Prince of Wales' Own Lancers.

Major H. D. Watson, 2nd Prince of Wales' Own Gurkhas.

Major R. E. Grimston, 6th Prince of Wales' Cavalry.

You will notice that they all belong to "Prince of Wales' " Regiments: and Beatson says they will be of the greatest assistance.

You will, I feel sure, be delighted to hear that both the Prince and Princess are much pleased with Beatson; they are in daily consultation with him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

P. S.—If you can meet the Prince's wishes, the Staff will stand as follows:—

Lawrence and Wigram.
Beatson and Campbell, Watson,
Grimston.

HONORARY A.-D.-C.'s
from
1st Bengal Lancers,
Royal Fusiliers,
Royal Welsh Fusiliers,
King's Royal Rifles.

Head of Native Staff—
Sir Pertab Singh.

Our home Staff will be—
Lady Eva Dugdale, Lady-in-Waiting.
Lady Shaftesbury, Honorary Lady-in-Waiting.

Lord Shaftesbury, Chamberlain to the Princess of Wales.
Sir A. Bigge, Private Secretary.

EQUERRIES.
Sir Charles Cust.
Hon'ble Derek Keppel.
Commander Godfrey-Faussett.
Lord Crichton.

A. B.

No. 71.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, *Sloane Gardens, S. W.*, May 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of last mail. I am distressed to hear that you were in bed, and earnestly trust that you are well again.

The Prince does not want to land in Aden either on his way out or on his return home. He will merely wait to pick up letters and telegrams.

Bigge is writing today about Staff. I hope that you will approve of the selections. I know all of them, save Watson, and I hear from many sources that he is excellent. Cameron would have been useful, but, as you could not spare him, his name was not put forward.

Beatson has had some useful interviews, and has impressed Their Royal Highnesses favourably.

I suggested to the Prince and Princess that on arrival in a Native State they should adopt your plan, *i. e.*, the Prince drives from the Station with the Native Chief and the Princess comes in the second carriage with the Chief Political Officer. At a capital like Lahore, the Prince and Princess would drive together, the Lieutenant-Governor sitting opposite. Sir Pertab writes on general subjects, and urges that on arrival in a Native State the Prince and Princess should drive together, the Maharaja sitting opposite them. The King approves my suggestion. I hope that you think that this is the proper arrangement. The Native Chief as Ruler and host is in his proper place by the side of the Prince.

Beatson's presence is very useful, and he can find out many details, which might have caused endless correspondence.

(66a)

My wife joins me in kindest regards to Her Excellency and yourself, and I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 72.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Rajputana.

Abu, May 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Please refer to your demi-official letter dated the 22nd April 1905, regarding the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to India next winter.

The Chiefs of Udaipur, Jaipur, and Bikanir, whom I addressed on the subject, have replied expressing their gratitude for the honour which it is proposed to confer upon them, and stating that the dates mentioned for Their Royal Highnesses' visit to their respective capitals will be most suitable.

In this connection, I would forward, for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy, a copy of a letter from the Maharaja of Bikanir in which His Highness requests that, for the reasons given in the letter, the period of Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Bikanir may be prolonged by one day. As the dates for the proposed visit to Bikanir are from a Saturday to a Monday, I should be very glad if His Highness' request could be granted, but I have told him that there may be difficulties about altering the programme now.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. G. COLVIN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

Copy of letter, dated the 29th April 1905, from Major His Highness Maharaja Sir Ganga Singh Bahadur, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., A.-D.-C., of Bikanir, to the Hon'ble Mr. E. G. Colvin, C. S., Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

I am in receipt of your kind letter dated the 27th April conveying the welcome news of the proposed visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Bikanir.

I need hardly say how much I and my State appreciate the honour that is being conferred on us by this visit, and we shall do all we can to make it as pleasant and comfortable for my Royal guests as lies in our power.

The dates you mentioned, *i. e.*, 25th to 27th November, will be most suitable, and I have only one suggestion to make, and that is that the Royal visit may be prolonged by one day. This will enable Their Royal Highnesses to do the imperial sand grouse shoot at Gujner comfortably, while otherwise, I am afraid, they will be put to the greatest inconvenience. Because Gujner is $21\frac{1}{2}$ miles from here, and, as the birds begin "fighting" before 8 A. M., it is both necessary and convenient to go out to Gujner the afternoon before the shoot. Should the next rains be good, we could utilize that afternoon by having a fairly good duck shoot. The grouse shooting continues till well after 10 A. M., and after breakfasting there the earliest hour by which the party could return to Bikanir would be 2 P. M. on the day of their departure. The only alternative would be to go out to Gujner the very day of their arrival, but after a night in the train, I doubt if there would really be any advantage in that either. Besides November 26th falls on a Sunday. Under the circumstances, I hope you will be kind enough to arrange with the Government of India for the visit to be prolonged by one day, which I consider most necessary in the interests of the convenience of the Royal party. I might here add that Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught spent four days here and did the Gujner shoot comfortably.

In conclusion, I would express the hope that I may have the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Colvin and yourself at Bikanir during the Royal visit.

No. 73.

FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL R. H. CHARLES, M.D., F.R.C.S., I.M.S., Professor of Anatomy,
Medical College, Calcutta.

8, Middleton Street, Calcutta, May 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Your letter of May 11th received today.

Please say to His Excellency that I shall esteem it an honour to serve Their Royal Highnesses during their tour in India.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd.) R. HAVELOCK CHARLES.

No. 74.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

May 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I duly received your letter of the 9th May intimating that there is no possibility of the Prince of Wales visiting Indore.

I will now make the necessary references to my Political officers and then offer suggestions as to the ceremony at Jhansi and as to which Chiefs, if any, should go to Agra.

It would be of assistance to me if I could be informed whether there is likely to be an Investiture of the Indian Orders during the coming cold weather and, if so, which of the Central India Chiefs will be invited.

You will remember that it was suggested in January last that the Begam of Bhopal and the Raja of Sailana might perhaps be invested by the Prince, and that both Chiefs preferred to wait in the hope of receiving this additional honour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 75.

FROM R. C. H. MOSS KING, Esq., i. c. s., First Asst. to the Resident in Mysore.

Bangalore, May 15th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I am desired to say that the local Memorial statue in white marble of Her late Majesty the Queen-Empress, which has been ordered from England and paid for by public subscription, has now been completed and is expected to arrive in Bangalore about the end of this month.

The Mysore Durbar, who made a substantial contribution to this memorial, propose that the ceremony of unveiling the statue might suitably be postponed till His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visits Bangalore, and state that His Highness the Maharaja will feel personally much gratified if His Royal Highness can undertake the ceremony.

Sir James Bourdillon will be obliged if you will kindly let him know whether this item may be included in the programme of His Royal Highness' visit to Bangalore.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) R. M. KING.

No. 76.

Extract from letter from H. H. Sir J. D. La Touche, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces, to the Viceroy, dated 16th May 1905.

If the Prince of Wales takes any interest in Moghul architecture, it would be a pity that he should miss seeing Fatehpur Sikri. The new Dāk Bungalow has been finished, and the Record room, Miriam's house, and Birbal's house will be cleared out and left in their proper state before your next visit. I am making inquiries as to the need of road repairs.

No. 76a.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Marlborough House, May 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Your important and interesting letter of April 27th arrived last Saturday. By next week's mail I hope to answer it fully. But I take the earliest opportunity of assuring you how much I appreciate your kind consideration with regard to the arrangements for our arrival at Bombay. We shall be delighted to find you there on our landing, to have a quiet dinner and a good talk at Government House that night, and then after your departure Lamington can "carry on".

The King read your letter; curiously enough he was on the point of suggesting the identical procedure which you have proposed for Bombay.

I trust Lady Curzon is now much stronger and is none the worse for all her experiences of the earthquake. We see General Beatson constantly and find him of the greatest help.

Believe me,
MY DEAR VICEROY,
most sincerely yours,
(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 76b.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. F. C. GATES, Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Burma, to S. M. FRASER, Esq., C. I. E., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

No. 266T.-2M.-21.

Maymyo, May 20th, 1905.

With reference to the projected visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Burma, I am desired by the Lieutenant-Governor to enquire whether it may be assumed that Their Royal Highnesses will refuse to receive any memorials (*i.e.*, requests for official orders) as distinguished from mere addresses of welcome. It seems likely that some persons or bodies may wish to present memorials.

(68a)

No. 76c.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., May 21st, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I did not write by last mail as the Prince has taken some time over your letter of 27th ultimo. He is sending an answer to it by this mail. Both he and the King are much impressed with your undertaking the long journey to Bombay to welcome Their Royal Highnesses.

Beatson is busy with details of dress, &c., and his days are very fully occupied. He hopes to leave Marseilles on June 9th. I think he would have liked to stay longer, but he realises how much has to be done in India. I am writing, as suggested by you, to Lord Lamington. His programme for Bombay would exhaust the Prince. I know from daily talks with Bigge that he cannot carry out a programme, such as that suggested by Lord Lamington, and the draft programme of which I enclose a copy is the maximum. I do not see how the Prince is to return seven visits in a morning. The same reason why the programme for Bombay must be curtailed, applies to the proposed shortening of the stay in Rajputana. His Royal Highness wants intervals of comparative rest, and he is anxious to avoid a rush which would leave him with a hazy and blurred impression of India. He quite realises that there is much to see in Delhi and Agra, and I expect that when he sees the realities of Lord Kitchener's camp he will be only too glad to run into Delhi. He has an idea that, as the King spent many days at the military camp at Delhi, he should do likewise, but I hear from Beatson that Lord Kitchener himself does not want the Prince for more than three days. I hope that the substitution of Agra for Jhansi will not be inconvenient. Sir David Barr strongly advises Agra, and he is against the idea of summoning all the Chiefs. It is of course most difficult and invidious to select, but if minors, bankrupts and "Jodhpurs" are eliminated, it may be possible to cut down the number of Chiefs at Bombay, at Ajmer, and at Agra. I fear that Lord Lamington is right, and that popping from room to room in the Secretariat in Bombay would give offence, but it might be possible to have the Chiefs in localities where the distances would not be great, or to pitch tents for the purposes of the return visits. I enclose the Prince's programme for Bombay. I am sending a copy to Edgerley, and will write, as suggested in your letter, to Lord Lamington.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

November 9th	... 12 noon	... Arrive Bombay. H. E. The Naval Commander-in-Chief comes on board.
	3-30	... H. E. The Viceroy comes on board.
	3-45	... H. E. The Governor, Members of Council, and Chief Justice come on board.
	4-30	... Land at the Bundar. Presentation of Chiefs. Address, and reply to Address.
	5-30	... Drive in State through part of Native city to Government House; received on alighting by H. E. The Governor.
	8-15	... Quiet Dinner at which H. E. The Viceroy will be present.
November 10th	... 9-30	... Breakfast.
	10-30	... Visits from Chiefs.
	2 0	... Lunch.
	4-30	... Drive through Bazaars.
	8 0	... Banquet and Levée. (Men)
November 11th	... 10 0	... Return visits of Chiefs.
(Mail leaves Bombay.)	4-30	... Lay Foundation Stone of Museum. Visit Dockyard and Flagship. During the absence of the Prince, the Princess has Purdah party at Government House.
	8 0	... Dinner, followed by Reception.
November 12th	... ..	Rest. In evening drive and attend Cathedral Service.
November 13th	... 10 0	... Return visits of Chiefs.
	4-30	... Children's fête, and call at Yacht Club.
	8 0	... Dinner, followed by second Reception.
November 14th	... 10-30	... Interviews, and Reception of Minor Chiefs.
	Afternoon	... By Steam Launch to Elephanta Caves. Private Dinner and private departure.

No. 77.

*Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E.,
Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 22nd May 1905.*

In view of your opinion given in your letter, I imagine the enclosed request for the presentation of an Address by the University, will be refused.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM THE REVD. D. MACKICHAN, M. A., D. D., LL D., Vice-Chancellor, Bombay University.

Ran Fiew, Mahabuleshwar, May 12th, 1905.

DEAR MR. DUBOULAY,

Your letter of the 9th instant was the first intimation I had of the decision of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to accept a degree from one only of the Indian Universities, *viz*, the University of Calcutta.

I am sure many will regret that our University will not have the honour of enrolling His Royal Highness amongst the holders of its honorary degree. I regret it, as such an act on the part of the University would be representative of the feelings of the educated classes on this side of India towards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and as, apart from the University, these classes have no special means of expressing their welcome.

On the occasion of the visit of the King when he was Prince of Wales in 1875 an address was presented to him by the Bombay University which then had not the power of conferring an honorary degree.

It is quite possible that His Royal Highness, while unwilling to receive a degree from each of the Universities, might consent to accept an address according to the precedent of the former royal visit. Would you suggest this to His Excellency the Chancellor as a possible means of enabling the educated classes of Western India to take a distinctive part in welcoming the Prince and Princess of Wales to India? The address might be presented to both the Prince and the Princess, for whom the Indian Universities have not yet devised a suitable degree.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) D. MACKICHAN.

No. 78.

FROM C. F. PAYNE, Esq.

Corporation of Calcutta, Municipal Office, May 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR MR. NATHAN,

With reference to your demi-official of the 20th instant, the watering of the Maidan roads is under the supervision of the Executive Engineer, 1st Calcutta Division, and is not done by the Corporation. As soon as the sanction for the new unfiltered water main across the Maidan

is received the work will be taken in hand and pressed on as much as possible, and I trust that this will afford some relief in the matter referred to in your letter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. F. PAYNE.

No. 79.

Director, Royal Indian Marine, Bombay, to Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.
Telegram, 25th May 1905.

84. Yours 492. Deputy Director wires ordinary condition river December to February, 26 feet is maximum draft on which *Renown* could ensure coming to Calcutta Town or Diamond Harbour with any degree safety, then only on spring tides ; river has been steady lately, but after freshets bars may shoal or deepen ; impossible forecast. If draft over 26, ship could anchor Saugor 86 miles from town. *Ends.*

Principal Port Officer, Burma, wires *Renown* could anchor at Barr Street Buoy, 700 feet off landing stage. *Ends.*

Presidency Port Officer, Madras, wires *Renown* can come inside breakwater. No difficulty disembarking ladies. *Ends.*

No. 80.

FROM J. N. FARQUHAR, Esq., M. A., Acting General Secy., Y. M. C. A., Calcutta.

86, College Street, Calcutta, *May 25th*, 1905.

SIR,

The Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association propose to send a letter to Sir Walter Lawrence, to enquire whether His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be graciously pleased to preside at the Annual Meeting of the Association during his stay in Calcutta next cold season. They think, however, that before sending the letter to Sir Walter Lawrence they ought to send a copy of it to His Excellency the Viceroy, as the detailed arrangements for the visit of His Royal Highness will be so largely in his hands. I therefore enclose herewith a copy of the letter they propose to send. We shall be deeply grateful if you will lay it before His Excellency and say that we hope His Excellency will find it possible to include the Meeting in the arrangements for His Royal Highness's stay in Calcutta.

Yours most sincerely,
(Sd.) J. N. FARQUHAR,
Acting General Secretary.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM J. N. FARQUHAR, Esq., M. A., Acting General Secretary, The Young Men's Christian Association of Calcutta, to SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E., c/o The India Office, London.

June 1905.

SIR,

The Directors of the Calcutta Young Men's Christian Association have heard with great pleasure of the visit to Calcutta which Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales intend to make during the winter. They are aware that the stay of the Royal visitors will be of short duration, and that State functions will necessarily absorb a great deal of their time. They venture, however, to ask you to be good enough to convey to His Royal Highness their loyal greetings, and to solicit the honour of his presiding at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Directors desire me to mention that various members of the Royal family have evinced great interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. The late Queen showed the Association marked favour in the year of its Jubilee, 1894. She then graciously permitted the Conference delegates to visit Windsor Castle, and sanctioned the erection of luncheon tents in the grounds, the taking of a photograph of all the representatives on the castle walls, and a visit to the Prince-Consort's mausoleum, in the same year bestowing the honour of Knighthood upon the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, Sir George Williams. More recently His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught opened the buildings of the Newcastle and Bedford Associations.

The Directors venture to make this application because of the extent of the work under their care and its supreme importance for the young men of the Metropolis of India. The Central Branch is one of the largest and finest buildings in Chowringhee. There young Europeans arriving in Calcutta for business or for professional life, and also the Anglo-Indian community of the city, find a club, whose fees are well within their means and whose influence is altogether on the side of religion and morality; while in the very heart of the native city the College Branch (with a Boys' Branch attached) is doing a varied and most valuable work among the thousands of educated Indians of all religions who live in the locality. The two buildings together have cost five and a half lakhs of rupees. The large moral value of the work is recognized by those who are glad to be associated on its direction. Sir Andrew Fraser, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, is the President, while the Directorate consists of gentlemen of high position under Government or in the professional and mercantile life of this city.

You can understand that to such a work the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be a great advantage. It would greatly strengthen the position of the Association, not only in Calcutta, but also in the many other cities of India where it is already established, and would, in consequence, materially increase its power for good. For these reasons we venture to hope that His Royal Highness will be pleased to favourably consider our request.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) J. N. FARQUHAR,
Acting General Secretary.

No. 81.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.

Government House, Maymyo, May 25th, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I am very sorry that Your Excellency should have had to remind me about the programme of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I was waiting to know what the people of Rangoon proposed in the way of appointing a Reception and Entertainment Committee and their views as to the form which the entertainments should take. Their proposals have not yet reached me; but I learn that there is to be a preliminary meeting to discuss arrangements next Tuesday. I think, however, that I can forecast their probable suggestions; and I submit my proposals for Your Excellency's consideration without further delay.

I have drafted two alternative programmes, of which I submit copies marked A and B, respectively. So far as Rangoon and Mandalay are concerned, the two programmes are identical.

For the first day, I have entered a State, or Public, arrival with a drive through decorated streets. As Your Excellency is aware, street decoration is well done in Rangoon by the various nationalities. At the Wharf, on arrival, there would probably, if approved, be an address of welcome by the Reception Committee. The evening would be filled by a State Dinner, and a Reception thereafter at Government House. On Sunday, there would probably be no objection to a private visit to the Pagoda. It might be arranged for the afternoon.

Monday morning might be given to visiting the timber yards and oil refinery, both objects of much interest. In the afternoon, I should like to have a Garden Party at Government House, principally for Burmese, Shan, and Indian notables, including the families of Burmans and Shans. I would invite to Rangoon the leading Burmese officials from the districts, and such of the Shan Chiefs as could conveniently be summoned. I understand that the Chiefs would rather come to Rangoon than to Mandalay. I trust Your Excellency will agree with me that the gathering of representatives of the people of the country on this occasion is a matter of great importance which should on no account be omitted.

I do not know whether any provision is to be made for the presentation of addresses by public bodies. If so, this could be arranged for Monday morning after breakfast,

In the evening, I hope the Reception Committee will arrange for the illumination of the Lakes and Dalhousie Park, the effect of which I think Your Excellency will remember. This could be seen in time to enable Their Royal Highnesses to leave for Mandalay by special train the same night.

I think it likely that the Rangoon people may wish to give a Ball; but unless another day is allowed to Rangoon, it does not seem possible to find time for this. The illumination of the Lakes would be far more interesting.

For Mandalay, I have suggested merely visits to the usual places of interest and the customary Boat races on the Moat. These are very characteristic, and I think Their Royal Highnesses would be pleased with them. I would arrange for the presence of a number of Upper Burman officials, as well as of members of the Burmese ex-Royal Family and the Ministers of the late Government. If Their Royal Highnesses would like to see some *puès* (dances and theatrical entertainments) after dinner on one of the days of their stay in Mandalay, this could no doubt be arranged.

As to the programme after Mandalay, I agree with Sir Hugh Barnes that the journey by river to Prome (but for the antiquities at Pagan) is not very interesting; and I strongly recommend the adoption instead, of a visit to Myitkyina. It is in itself a place of some interest, in sight of the Kachin Hills and the borders of China; and the river journey down through the Defiles is an experience which should not be missed. In the programme marked A, I have ventured to include a visit to a Khedda. Sir Hugh Barnes has warmly recommended this; and if Their Royal Highnesses can spare the time, it would be well worth while to include it. Mr. Dalrymple-Clarke manages the Khedda arrangements exceedingly well, and I doubt if a better Khedda could be provided in India. If it is decided to include the Khedda in the programme I hope I may receive early intimation, as Mr. Clarke has to make his arrangements in good time.

If both Myitkyina and the Khedda are included, it will be necessary to extend His Royal Highness' stay in Burma for four days. If Myitkyina is included, but the Khedda omitted, one extra day will be required.

I have not prepared a separate programme for the Khedda, omitting Myitkyina. If that alternative were adopted, the time occupied would be the same as in the draft marked B; that is, one extra day would be required as compared with the draft in Mr. Nathan's letter.

I have not included any shooting in the tour. There is plenty of sport to be had in Burma; but it is not to be had as a matter of course on a specified day. I am afraid, therefore, that any project for a shooting expedition might end in disappointment. The exception is snipe-shooting; and if His Royal Highness wished it and could spare one extra day in Mandalay, a good day's snipe-shooting could be promised with reasonable certainty. But it would be hard work; and on the whole I do not recommend it.

It is most gratifying to us all to learn that the Prince of Wales proposes to include Burma in his tour. I am sure His Royal Highness will be received with loyal enthusiasm by all classes and races in the Province.

I have already trespassed too much on Your Excellency's patience with this long letter; I do not therefore refer to any other subjects.

Believe me, &c.,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

ALTERNATIVE DRAFT PROGRAMME.

(A)

January 13th, Saturday	... Arrive Rangoon. State Arrival and drive through decorated streets to Government House. State Dinner followed by Reception.
„ 14th, Sunday	... Church. Drive in the evening and visit Pagoda. Private Dinner.
„ 15th, Monday	... Visit Teak Yards and Oil Refinery. Garden Party for Burmese, Shan, and Native notables. Small Dinner. Illuminations on Lake and in Dalhousie Park. Leave for Mandalay by train.
„ 16th, Tuesday	... Public Arrival, Mandalay. Rest. Private Dinner.
„ 17th, Wednesday	... Visit Palace, Arakan Pagoda, Zegyo Bazaar. Boat Races on Moat and Garden Party. Small Dinner.
„ 18th, Thursday	... Leave Mandalay by train.

January 19th, Friday	...	Arrive Myitkyina. Leave Myitkyina by river.
„ 20th, Saturday	...	On river—Defiles—Bhamo.
„ 21st, Sunday	...	Arrive Khedda Camp.
„ 22nd, Monday	...	Khedda—The drive.
„ 23rd, Tuesday	...	Khedda—The tying up. Leave Camp by river.
„ 24th, Wednesday	...	On river.
„ 25th, Thursday	...	Arrive Mandalay. Leave Mandalay by train.
„ 26th, Friday	...	Arrive Rangoon. Leave Rangoon for Madras.

ALTERNATIVE DRAFT PROGRAMME.

(B)

January 13th, Saturday	...	Arrive Rangoon. State Arrival and drive through decorated streets to Government House. State Dinner followed by Reception.
„ 14th, Sunday	...	Church. Drive in the evening and visit Pagoda. Private Dinner.
„ 15th, Monday...	...	Visit Teak Yards and Oil Refinery. Garden Party for Burmese, Shan, and Native notables. Small Dinner. Illuminations on Lake and in Dalhousie Park. Leave for Mandalay by train.
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January 18th, Thursday	...	Leave Mandalay by train.
„ 19th, Friday	Arrive Myitkyina. Leave Myitkyina by river.
„ 20th, Saturday	...	On river—Defiles.
„ 21st, Sunday	...	On river.
„ 22nd, Monday	...	Arrive Mandalay. Leave Mandalay by train.
„ 23rd, Tuesday	...	Arrive Rangoon. Leave Rangoon for Madras.

No. 82.

FROM H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., May 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

I am very grateful to you for the labour and thought which you are giving to our tour, and I have very carefully considered the valuable suggestions which you make in your letter of the 27th ultimo. I will reserve the night of the 9th for a quiet dinner and talk with you. I shall learn much that will be of importance to the success of our tour, and shall get hints from you which will enable me to notice the most striking points of your administration.

Coming now to details. Lawrence has already written to say that we do not wish to land at Aden, as we have already visited the place four years ago.

We will arrive in Bombay at noon on November 9th, and will land that evening. After the Address from the Corporation I will drive with the Princess to Government House. I suppose that the Governor will drive on some time in advance to receive us at Government House.

I must of course receive all Chiefs of the Bombay Presidency, who are in Bombay, and return their visits, when they are entitled to a return visit. I mentioned Baroda, Kolhapur, &c., in my original programme, as I know them, but my list was not meant to be comprehensive. I hope that the list

will be kept as small as possible, and that no minors, nor Chiefs, who can be excused on grounds of health, or expense, will be summoned to the various centres. Similarly, Chiefs about whose conduct and life you and the Provincial authorities have doubt, should not be asked to attend. If this be borne in mind, it is possible that the number you anticipate at Bombay will not reach 14 to 15. For I do not see how it is possible to return 14 visits in two mornings without great fatigue and undue haste if we are to accept the conclusion in Lord Lamington's notes that "the arrangement of popping to and from room to room is likely to give offence". I know that you will do your best, as you kindly promised in your letter of 5th January to economise time, and I should have thought that some function such as returning the visits in the Secretariat would have given no great offence, and would certainly have saved the Chiefs the expense of hiring suitable houses in which to receive me. As you suggest, Lawrence will write direct to Lord Lamington as to the Bombay programme, but as you have had so much experience, and know the Chiefs so well, you may be able to devise some scheme which will economise time without offending prejudices. I am *especially anxious* to do nothing in Bombay which would cause a bad impression, but I must confess that seven visits in one morning alarm me. The Chiefs may be living at considerable distances, delays must occur, and the whole thing may become an undignified rush. I suppose it would be impossible to differentiate, and I see that all the Bombay Chiefs—with the exception of Kolhapur and Cutch—fall under the 11-gun class, but it might be possible, if space and climate will allow, to follow the system which I believe is followed in Lahore of grouping the Chiefs in one large Camp. I agree in your wise decision as to an Address from the Chamber of Commerce, I only desire to receive Addresses from the Municipalities.

As regards the Levée, I have been told that the afternoon Levée held in Bombay by the King was a most trying ordeal to the public, and I infinitely prefer that the Levée should be held at night, and, if possible, at Government House.

The question of the Drawing Room, whether at Bombay, Madras, or Calcutta, has been settled after consultation with His Majesty. No Drawing Room will be held anywhere, but in its place there will be an evening Reception. This will be less formal and will give the Princess and myself an opportunity of seeing the Society of the Capitals.

I think that one University function at Calcutta must suffice, and I agree that a Municipal Banquet should be deprecated.

Of the minor suggestions, the only one which I wish to accept is the laying of the foundation stone of the new Museum. Neither the Princess nor I care much for Balls, and we especially wish to escape a Ball in the climate of Bombay.

General Beatson saw Colonel Olivier before he left Bombay, and the latter held out strong hopes that a shoot—snipe if not quail—could be arranged in the neighbourhood of Kaira. If this cannot be managed, there is an end of it, but I do not think that I will stop at Ahmedabad. If a shoot can be arranged, the Princess would perhaps like to spend a couple of hours in seeing privately the buildings of which Lawrence speaks with enthusiasm. I agree as regards Poona.

In Rajputana I should prefer to receive the Rajput Chiefs in their natural Capital—Ajmer. I have read the objections raised by Sir A. Martindale, but I imagine that, on the score of expense, Ajmer would be no more expensive than Agra. I have also had explained the difficulties about precedence, but as the Chiefs of Udaipur and Jaipur will not come to Ajmer, and as Bikanir will not clash with Kotah, it is possible that the difficulties can be surmounted with tact. And by the division proposed by Sir A. Martindale, Bundi and Kotah will still collide at Ajmer. I am anxious, if you can arrange it, to finish off the Rajput Chiefs at Ajmer. For, as I will explain later on, I want to keep Agra for other purposes.

I quite understand about the Political Officers. If they can attend the Dinner, I shall be pleased, as I wished to pay a compliment to the Service which is immediately under your direction.

I shall be delighted to co-operate in the splendid work you have done at the Mayo College, and will gladly lay the foundation stone of the addition to the College.

I am obliged to you for telling the Maharajas of Ulwar and Kotah that my tour will not permit me to enjoy their hospitality. Later, when similar invitations have been received, I should like to send a line of thanks to all who have wished to entertain me, if you advise that this would be right.

Now I come to the alteration which you suggest. I quite see the force of your remarks regarding the length of stay in Rajputana, but as I pointed out in the Memorandum to my letter of February 17th, I must have gaps in the tour, and we shall both require the rest at Udaipur, four days at Jaipur, and three days at Bikanir. I am ready to give up a day at Peshawar, and, as you suggest, to limit our stay to four days.

As regards Delhi, it is possible that if Lord Kitchener's Camp is within easy distance, I may be able to run into Delhi for half days when the manœuvres will allow of my absence. In this way I shall be able to see the beauties of the neighbourhood, and shall have ample time to receive the Punjab Chiefs, who are to pay their respects to me at Delhi. It is also possible that I may be able to give one of the days reserved for Lord Kitchener's Camp to Agra. In this way we shall, with the day saved from Peshawar, be able to devote the period suggested by you, *viz.*, four days, to Agra. This would

enable us to see that beautiful place, and would also enable me to receive visits from the Chiefs of Central India, for I would prefer to receive them at Agra to visiting Jhansi for the purpose. I hope that the number will be kept down as much as possible. Is it absolutely necessary to summon others than Bhopal, Rewa, Orcha, Datia, Charkhari, Rutlam, and Jaora, and ought I not to see the two last with the Imperial Cadet Corps at Calcutta?

Reverting, as in your letter, to the Punjab, I entirely accept your proposal as to the exchange of visits with the Punjab Chiefs. I also accept the proposed Ball at the Montgomery Hall. I also see the propriety of omitting a visit to Bahawalpur, though we should have been glad of a halt on our way to Quetta. But I notice that Sir Charles Rivaz, in his letter of March 28th, says—"Perhaps the intention is to give His Royal Highness a day's duck-shooting in Bahawalpur territory. If so, I see no objection so long as His Royal Highness does not pay a visit, which would necessarily be a ceremonial one, to the Capital of the State." I do not know whether duck-shooting will be possible about 10th March, but if it is we shall welcome the rest, and I personally shall be glad to have a morning's shooting.

As regards Peshawar, I agree to the joint Address, as Peshawar is so different from the rest of India. But I prefer a Reception to a Levée. My desire is to see as many people as possible, and as the Princess will be with me, I think a Reception will be better than a Levée.

I have thought over Jammu, and I wish to do honour to the State which has done so much for the Empire.

I will gladly visit the Khalsa College. I should be grateful if you would advise me whether I should make a present to the Golden Temple at Amritsar, and if so, how much?

As regards Delhi and Agra, I have already mentioned what we should like to do. As regards Bhurtpore, I should be glad to have two days' shooting as was suggested in the original programme. The second day may be a small one, but I shall enjoy it. I do not care for the tiger-shoot at Biana.

As regards Gwalior, I should like to adhere to the original programme, leaving Gwalior on the night of Christmas Day.

I shall be delighted to accept the Talukdars' Reception at Lucknow, and the illuminations. I am told that the illuminations give great pleasure to the people, and I should like to feel that our visit gave some enjoyment to the masses. Perhaps you will bear this in mind for other places which we are to visit.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 83.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W., May 26th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

The Prince will, I think, answer your letter of 4th by next mail. He likes to read over the letter, and to think out things before he decides. I have gone through the letter twice with him already. I can, however, reply to your letter to me of 4th, parts of which I have read out to, and discussed with, the Prince. He thinks, if you can arrange it, that the political work, ceremonial, &c., should be entrusted to a Political Officer specially deputed in each Presidency or Agency and approved by you. This officer would be under the general direction of the Foreign Office. Thus in Bombay a special officer of the Bombay Presidency would be responsible, and would disappear when the Prince leaves Bombay. At Ajmer one of the officers attached to the Agent to the Governor-General would be responsible, and would be with the Prince at Udaipur, Jaipur, and Bikanir. At Lahore and Delhi an officer deputed by the Punjab Government would be in charge. At Agra one of Daly's officers could superintend. This would have certain advantages. The local men would know their chiefs: there would be no fear of friction, or misunderstanding, and the Prince would have an opportunity of seeing a greater number of officials at work. If there were to be a Durbar like your Delhi Durbar, it would be different, but for visits and return visits the local Politicals will probably be able to acquit themselves well, if they are well selected, approved by you, and schooled by the Foreign Office.

If, however, you do not approve of the local arrangement, Bosanquet would, I think, do well, and I have told the Prince of his tact and energy. Personally I hold that the more of your officers who are brought to the notice of the Prince, the better. Everyone will then feel that he has had his chance. And there is the difficulty to find room for a special Political in the train, though on occasions he might have to go on ahead to make arrangements.

The same arguments apply to the Police arrangements. As for the train I suppose we must look to the Railway Police. But if, as I hope, you can make local Police arrangements, I should like a good Native to go right through the tour, and the man I should choose, if you can spare him, is Aziz-ud-din, whose name I used to mention to you in connection with the new Police Department. He is, I think, somewhere in Berar. I am to see Captain Tyrwhitt, R. N., next week about the Hooghly, Rangoon, and Madras. He

wanted to leave it an open question till he arrived, and could take soundings himself, but I have explained that we cannot wait for this.

As regards Charles, the Prince would like him to be told that he will be wanted. I don't know what Charles will say regarding his practice; but I believe that he contemplates early retirement.

The question of the places at which Sir Pertab should attend might stand over till Beatson returns. The Prince would like him to be as much with him as possible, but there are of course many places, where he need not attend, *e. g.*, Burma, and perhaps, Madras, Mysore, Hyderabad; though a ruling Chief, he still is regarded more as "Sir Pertab," and his poor little State might be left to the somewhat unattractive Daulat Singh.

The idea of the motor to Fattahpur-Sikri and Bhurtpore is delightful, and appealed at once to the Prince. He asked about his dress when he got into the State carriages at Bhurtpore, and was astonished at Indian resources, when I said that there could be a tent for dressing outside Bhurtpore.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 84.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the United Provinces.

Govt. House, Naini Tal, May 30th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I should be very much obliged if you could let me know whether anything further has been decided regarding the Prince of Wales' tour programme. At Agra it was originally proposed that there should be a State Dinner followed by a reception; but I believe it was subsequently suggested that the State Dinner should be given up, as there are few people at Agra to be invited to such a function. In arranging for the preparations to be made it is essential that we should have some idea of the numbers that are likely to be entertained; and I should be grateful if you could tell me whether the State Dinner is likely to be held, and if so who would be invited; and also who would be asked to the reception afterwards.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

No. 85.

FROM SURGEON-GENERAL G. BOMFORD, C. I. F., M. D., I. M. S., Director-General,
Indian Medical Service.

Simla, May 31st, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

I cannot find any record of the pay of Fayerer when he was on tour with the Prince of Wales in 1875.

His is, however, not a similar case to the one now under your consideration, as he had retired from the service.

In the present case of an officer appointed while on the active list and while in actual service in India, I would recommend giving him the pay of his appointment.

May I ask if you are considering the appointment of any Assistant Surgeon to work under the Medical Officer? He will want somebody especially when in camp, at least I should imagine he will. A Bengali Assistant Surgeon would be the sort of person.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) G. BOMFORD.

No. 86.

FROM SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., May 31st, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of 11th instant. I have discussed each point with the Prince.

(1) He will be delighted to see the Imperial Service Troops at Hyderabad and in Mysore.

(2) He will have some meal at the Residency, Hyderabad.

(5) Their Royal Highnesses would like to have a complete rest at Darjeeling, and would prefer not to give the Frasers the trouble of coming up to receive them at the Shrubbery—where they would like to stay.

The Princess wants to have a Purdah party, and the idea of having it at Belvedere will be most convenient, as this arrangement will allow of the Prince returning to Government House whenever his day's ceremony is finished.

It has been suggested that at the Purdah party there might be a number of Indian children, and that the agency of the Mahakali Pathshala, and the Mataji Maharani Topaswanni would make the function a great success. I remember that Her Excellency once presided at this Pathshala, and was favourably impressed.

(6) The Prince will be guided by your advice in this matter. When the question of an address from the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, was raised, he at once adopted your view that it was undesirable to receive a separate address from the Chamber; and he practically decided that he would only receive addresses from Municipalities. But now that the question is again raised, he remembers that he received addresses from numerous bodies in Ceylon, and in the Colonies, and he fears that invidious comparisons might be drawn if he limits addresses to Municipalities. Of course he dislikes addresses, and would gladly dispense with them, but he does not want to cause disappointment or offence. On the Colonial tour His Royal Highness received a large number of addresses. Groups of five persons representing each body filed past the Prince, handing him their address, which was not read; and when all the deputations had passed by the Prince made one reply to all. I have explained that the Municipality embraces all interests at each place, but the Prince would be glad of your advice. It will be difficult to draw the line between mushroom associations and others, but of course it would be possible to confine addresses to such bodies as have already addressed you. Whatever you decide will be accepted by the Prince. He is anxious to do nothing which you do not advise, and to omit nothing which would be popular and successful. In this connection there is another point. On the Colonial tour the Prince shook hands with all who passed at levées. He finds it easier to shake hands than to bow, and he is ready to shake hands at the levées in India with Europeans and Indians alike. What do you advise? It would no doubt be popular—it might be limited to the Private entrée,—but inasmuch as Viceroys do not shake hands, it might not be understood. At receptions there would be no harm in His Royal Highness shaking hands with people specially brought up to him, but the levée is a more formal function.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

P. S.—The Prince has bought a very handsome cup for the Calcutta Races and wishes to have it engraved; but before this can be done it would be well to know the conditions of the Race. Perhaps the Calcutta Turf Club has suggested conditions or could suggest conditions.

Yesterday the Prince heard from the King that he had arranged with Colonel Kavanagh of the 10th Hussars that Captain Hon'ble W. G. S. Cadogan

was to be appointed to the Prince's Staff. He will be on the same footing as the officers who are to be appointed from the Prince's four Regiments, and they will only turn up at central places. If the Foreign Office has copies of the descriptions of the various Chiefs who have visited you, and who will be received by the Prince, this would be very useful, and if two copies could be sent home to me, I could get the Prince to go through them before he reaches India. Short descriptions of leading Indians who may be recommended by you or by Local Governments for the honour of an interview would also be useful.

No. 87.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., June 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of May 4th, and for the kind and careful advice which you give regarding the second portion of the tour.

We should like to see your Park at Barrackpore, but would prefer to go to the Cathedral service in the morning of Sunday, and after service to proceed to Barrackpore by boat arriving there in time for lunch. We could return to Calcutta by train after dinner. This would set free the evening of the 30th December, when we might, if convenient, dine with the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

The Princess would like to have a purdah party at Calcutta, and perhaps it could be held on January 1st, while I am at the University Convocation.

On January 2nd, we should prefer, as intimated in my last letter, to have a reception instead of a drawing-room. The only other modification, which seems necessary in the excellent programme suggested by you, is that on the night of the 5th I should dine with Lord Kitchener. Perhaps you will let me know whether the Princess is expected to accompany me to this dinner.

We approve of the programme for Madras for the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th of January. But when we leave Madras on the night of the 28th, we wish to go straight to Bangalore. We are sorry not to visit Tanjore or Trichinopoly, but we wish to avoid the tiring journey in the heat, and, as we

have long distances ahead, we must avoid the excursion to the South. We trust that this decision will not cause great disappointment.

As regards Benares, I entirely accept your wise advice, and we will confine ourselves to the sights of Benares, and will not attempt a shoot.

We are both very grateful for the kind thought which prompts the renewed invitation to the Princess to revisit Calcutta, but after careful consideration we both think that it would be wiser to stay at Agra and possibly Delhi in the charming houses which you have described in your letter of April 27th; we trust that arrangements can be made for her reception at these two interesting places.

As regards Cawnpore, we see the wisdom of your advice, but we will not go there at all. The only reason why I suggested Cawnpore was that it seemed to be a convenient resting place between Nepal and Simla—a very long journey. I do not know whether it would be possible or desirable to stop at Pinjore on our way to Simla. I am told that it is a pretty place for a camp, and that there is just a chance of a little small game shooting. If the weather is bad at Simla, we could perhaps halt a second day at Pinjore, but this is merely a suggestion, and we will be entirely guided by you. I do not want to cut the Nepal programme down by a single day, and would prefer to add the day saved from Benares to the Nepal shoot.

I mentioned Sir Charles Rivaz's remarks about Bahawalpur in my last letter. If the ducks are still in in March, it might possibly be better to shoot in Bahawalpur territory than between Sukkur and Karachi, but here again I leave the decision to your knowledge and experience.

I think that Lord Lamington's suggestions for Karachi seem suitable, and we might adhere to the dates originally proposed. I could inspect the Harbour and Defences on the Monday, March 19th, the day on which we embark.

We are both most grateful for all the labour and thought which you are giving to make our tour successful and agreeable. When we hear that you consider that my proposals are convenient and feasible the programme can be finally settled. Beatson, whose visit to England has been of great use to us, will leave Marseilles on the 9th instant. He has gone very thoroughly into various details, and he will be able to assist you in filling in the minor incidents of the tour. It is possible that in some cases the calculations about the timing of the special train will require modification.

The Princess desires to have purdah parties at Bombay, Lahore, Calcutta, Madras, and Hyderabad, and would also like, if time allows, to see the Dufferin Hospitals at Udaipur, Lahore, Delhi, Agra, Gwalior, Rangoon, Madras, and Hyderabad. As you know I am keenly interested in hospitals—I should

always like to see the Hospitals at the Military centres, and, if it were possible, I should like to see some of the Civil hospitals at places where I shall have sufficient leisure. The Bombay programme will not allow me time to see a hospital, but elsewhere it may be practicable.

Believe me, most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 88.

FROM THE RT. HON. GENL. SIR D. M. PROBYN, G. C. B., G. C. V. O., Keeper of His Majesty's Privy Purse.

Buckingham Palace, June 2nd, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

By command of the King I have written to Lord Kitchener, and I am now told to write to you also, to say that His Majesty hopes Stuart Beatson will, at any rate for the time he is on the Prince of Wales' Staff in India, be given the rank of Major-General.

The King says that when he (as Prince of Wales) made his tour in India he had two Major-Generals attached to him, *viz.*, Sir Sam Browne and myself; and that, for the dignity of the Heir to the Throne, His Majesty thinks his son certainly should have a General Officer at the head of his Military Staff.

I do think, if I may venture an opinion, that you made such an extraordinary good selection in Lawrence and Beatson for this job—I am sure there are not two better men in India for it—and, in addition to being such excellent men individually, they are such great personal friends that the success of the tour I look upon as being absolutely assured.

Please remember me very kindly to Lady Curzon. I did not want to trouble her or you with a letter after her marvellous escape during the earthquake, but I can honestly say I did thank God for it.

Believe me, yours truly,

(Sd.) D. M. PROBYN.

P. S.—Beatson, I believe, returns to India by next mail. He cannot have any idea this application is being made on his behalf, as neither the King nor I have mentioned it to him—and neither can I think the Prince of Wales would say anything to him about it.

P.

No. 89.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, S. W., June 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Sidney Low, who was at Balliol, is coming out as correspondent for the *Standard*. I have had some talks with him. The *Illustrated London News* wishes to send out an artist—Gregg—and I have had several interviews with the Editor. Being a company they are rather afraid of the expense, and have asked me to give them an estimate of the cost in India—travelling and food. If a second train is run behind the Prince's special they might travel in that, but I do not know whether you will charge correspondents full fares, nor do I know whether they will get lodging free. Maxwell of *Daily Mail* and others think that the correspondents will be select and few, and for India I gather that Stanley Read of the *Times of India* and Hensman will do all the Anglo-Indian papers. The King wants an artist to go out, but of course no special favour can be shown to Gregg of the *Illustrated London News*. If you decide to make any concession to correspondents either in railway fares or in board and lodging will you let me know, and I will tell the *Illustrated London News* in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 90.

Extract from letter from H. H. Sir A. H. L. Fraser, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, to the Viceroy, dated 6th June 1905.

I am looking forward anxiously for orders regarding the visit of Their Royal Highnesses. I am sure that every effort will be made to make that a success. The public meeting in Calcutta is to be on the 1st of July, and I hope that we shall have orders before that. There are matters in respect of which we have ourselves to make our private arrangements also.

No. 90a.

Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 6th June 1905.

Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Note on the Royal visit sent by Nathan do not betoken that a very generous outlay will be permitted in Government House.

Certainly neither our fittings or furniture are what might be expected for such an occasion; they are barely decent for ordinary living. The linen is poor, and the plate in a wretched state. The contemplated expenditure is a small sum compared to that of the Durbar.

No. 91.

FROM H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E, Governor of Madras.

Govt. House, Ootacamund, June 7th, 1905.

[Private.]

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Madras Club enquiring whether the Club may hope to have the honour of entertaining the Prince and Princess of Wales at a ball while they are in Madras, and a copy of the reply which I have made.

As some time is likely to elapse before the Madras public have matured their arrangements, I think it best to make a separate reference to you on this subject at once.

If Their Royal Highnesses wish to accept the invitation, the only possible evening would be that of Wednesday, the 24th January, the day of their arrival, for the evenings of Thursday and Friday have their big functions already, and Saturday evening is not suitable for a ball.

If my opinion is required, I do not recommend the acceptance of the invitation which can easily be declined on the grounds of the shortness of the visit and the pressure of other functions. The Madras Club no longer holds the distinctive position and the high reputation which it had in 1875, and the spirit of the times has altogether changed. In 1875 the Club was representative of the whole European community of Madras, and there was nobody to gainsay the special honour accorded to it.

Now-a-days there are numerous other Clubs and Institutions, both European and Native, and the spirit of the times would be against any invidious distinction, for the Madras Club can no longer claim any marked pre-eminence. Under the proposed arrangements the European community will see more of Their Royal Highnesses than the Natives, and there is no time for more non-official functions than those already suggested.

The public entertainment is to be organized and subscribed for by both Europeans and Natives, which is more in accordance with present day notions than separate action on the part of the two communities.

I feel sure that the acceptance of the invitation of the Madras Club would arouse feelings of jealousy in the Native community which is a matter to be avoided, and, while the Europeans can take part in any entertainment organized by the general public, the Natives would be excluded from an entertainment of this kind got up by Europeans alone.

There is, of course, something to be said on the other side, but I had better confine myself to my own view which I hold strongly. No harm will be done by a refusal couched in appreciative terms, for it is pretty obvious that Their Royal Highnesses will be undertaking as much as can be expected of them in the time. On the other hand, an acceptance might lead to difficulties. Would you kindly submit the question to Their Royal Highnesses with or without my opinion as you think best? I need hardly add that my opinion must be kept very confidential.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) AMPHILL.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

To L. M. WYNCH, Esq., I. C. S., Private Secretary to Governor of Madras.

Madras Club, May 24th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed to inform you that at a General Meeting of members held last evening it was decided to give a ball or other entertainment at the Club on the occasion of the proposed visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Madras, if such entertainment would be acceptable to Their Royal Highnesses and would not conflict with other arrangements that may be contemplated on that occasion. I am to ask if you will kindly enquire and give the Club any information you can as to whether it may hope to have the honour of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) HORACE A. NELSON,
Secretary.

To H. A. NELSON, Esq., Secretary, Madras Club.

Government House, Ootacamund, May 30th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

His Excellency the Governor desires me to say in reply to your letter of the 24th instant that he regrets that he is unable to say whether there is any likelihood of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales being able to accept the proposed invitation

of the Madras Club as he has not yet received any definite information as to the arrangements which Their Royal Highnesses desire to be made for their visit to Madras.

His Excellency, however, fears that Their Royal Highnesses, while fully appreciating the desire of the Madras Club to offer them an entertainment, will not be able to spare an evening, as the visit to Madras is likely to be shorter than that of His Majesty the King in 1875, and the functions which His Royal Highness has already expressed his wish to be held will fill up the available time.

His Excellency will, however, duly intimate the desire of the Madras Club to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales when he is able to do so in conjunction with other proposals made by the public of Madras.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) L. M. WYNCH.

No. 92.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W., June 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18th ultimo, and for so kindly entertaining my suggestions about Dowlat Ram and Kali Kumar Dey.

I did not know about Straight's amorous tendencies.

The Prince rather wishes to do anything he can in the way of presenting colours, and he does not anticipate that the colours of his own Regiments will require renewal this year. Another Regiment, the 1st Brahmans, stationed at Jubbulpore, has applied, and, if it comes to Delhi or to any place where the Prince halts, he would no doubt give colours. My recollection of Ahmednagar is that the ceremony performed by you took more than 20 minutes.

Beatson leaves this mail. He has greatly impressed the King and Their Royal Highnesses. He has been kept hard at work all the time. The Prince wishes a book to be written of the tour, and hopes that I will write it. I do not know how it should be published, or what terms I should suggest. As far as I can see, there will be nothing left of the £20,000 grant to pay for the book.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 93.

R.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W., June 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Some time ago I asked the Viceroy to let me have two copies of the proof articles of the new Gazetteer, describing the various places which will be visited on the tour. If the Editor could send me these, I should be very grateful. When the time draws near, I should be much obliged if you would engage two native clerks for me—men who could do neat type-writing. Men rather like the Munshi of your office accustomed to tour would be useful.

Baring was here last night. He was very fit and begins his City work today. Beatson leaves by this mail.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 93a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

22, Sloane Gardens, London, S. W., June 12th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Your letter of 25th ultimo has just arrived. I quite understand about Daulat Ram. Anyone you choose for the job will do it well, and the Prince will have an opportunity of seeing a remarkable executive Indian when he goes to Gwalior. After Nepal, the tour has been drawn rather with the object of putting in time, as the Prince is anxious not to leave India before 19th March; so your idea of a review of the Phulkian Imperial Service Troops will, I feel sure, be very acceptable. The Prince is away for a few days, but I will mention the idea when he returns. He accepts anything you suggest, but the great thing is to avoid overtiring him. That soft sensualist of Pudukota is certain to come to grief. It will be a blessing to have one visit the less in Madras.

Baroda and Kapurthala have had a bad time, and are fobbed off with a garden party. The King nobly supported you as regards the former. I rather wish that Bombay proposals had come through you instead of coming direct. Bombay now enquires from me whether addresses may be presented by—

Chamber of Commerce.

Millowners' Association.

Poona Gayan Samaj.

Bombay University.

I am replying that the question of addresses, other than those from Municipalities, is under consideration. Lee-Warner, to whom I mentioned the subject, was of opinion that "His Royal Highness should avoid class or sectional addresses, receiving them from whole local bodies, and thus avoiding risk of petty squabbles or subsequent heartburnings." I wish it could be limited to Municipalities, but there is the precedent of the King's tour in India. If you decide, as I hope you will do, against any addresses save those of Municipalities, the Prince will be delighted. If you decide to include other bodies, he will cheerfully acquiesce *provided* that their addresses be taken as read and provided one answer will do for all.

Bombay also returns to the charge about the Byculla Club Ball, but to this I hope to reply that the programme for Bombay is fixed and full.

I was delighted to see in the papers of last mail that you had been holding a levée and banquet, and I hope that you are free from pain.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 94.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, June 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Please refer to your printed demi-official letter, dated June 15th, 1905, to the address of Sir Denzil Ibbetson, on the subject of the

tour of the Prince of Wales. His Honour desires me to ask whether the arrangements for the tour are still to be treated as confidential, or whether they may be communicated to the officers concerned.

Sir Denzil would also be obliged if you could kindly spare two more copies of your letter, one to be sent to Sir Charles Rivaz and one to Major Robertson.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

No. 95.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, June 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

In continuation of my letter of this morning about the visit of the Prince of Wales, I write to ask whether you would kindly let Sir Denzil Ibbetson have a copy of Sir Charles Rivaz's letter of March 28th to which reference is made in paragraph (3) of your printed demi-official letter of yesterday: no copy appears to have been kept here.

If there is any difficulty about this, it would suffice if you would kindly mention the names of the 8 and 5 Chiefs alluded to in the same paragraph.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

No. 96.

FROM H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

Govt. House, Ootacamund, June 16th, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

I am afraid that I must trouble you with another small *ad interim* reference on the subject of the Royal visit.

There are some people here who are anxious to promote a movement among the women of this Presidency, both English and Indian, for the purpose of making some sort of presentation to the Princess of Wales. The first idea was to imitate the Parsi ladies of Bombay and present an address, but my wife, who has naturally been consulted, is strongly against this, as she considers it foreign to the notions and customs of the Hindu ladies of Southern India; she has therefore declined to have anything to do with an address. The alternative proposal is to make a present to the Princess of a collection of the various wares and manufactures which are peculiar to the several districts of the Presidency. Thus there would be some silk fabrics from Madura, a piece of brass and silver work from Tanjore, a specimen of the ivory fretwork of Vizagapatam, some lacquer wares from Kurnool, and so forth. The whole cost of these proposed offerings would not be more than a few thousand rupees, the individual subscriptions would be limited to a small sum, and the presentation would afford very great pleasure to the women of the Presidency. The question, however, is whether the interdict against presents would apply to this proposal. The women of the Presidency are of course not a Corporation or a regularly organized body, and we are doubtful whether they could be considered as such for the purpose of this presentation.

Several ladies are pressing my wife to ascertain whether the Princess of Wales would accept the proposed offering, and, if so, to take a lead in the movement which it would require some time to organize. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly let me know, as soon as possible, whether they may proceed or not.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) AMPHILL.

No. 97.

FROM W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut -Govr. of Bengal.

June 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to the enclosed, which Sir Andrew Fraser directs me to send, I am to say that His Honour agrees with Mr. Forrest, the Officiating Collector of Howrah, in thinking that it is not necessary for the Howrah Municipality to present an address to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on their arrival at Howrah Station.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. R. GOURLAY.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM H. T. S. FORREST, Esq., Offg. Collector of Howrah, to W. R. GOURLAY, Esq.,
Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr. of Bengal.

Howrah Municipality, June 15th, 1905.

DEAR MR. GOURLAY,

Will you kindly inform me whether it is considered desirable that the Commissioners of the Howrah Municipality should present a loyal address to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on their arrival at Howrah?

So far as I have been able to ascertain, on similar occasions hitherto an address has not been presented, Howrah Railway Station being regarded as a part of Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.

No. 98.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Govt. House, Maymyo, June 18th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

Referring to my letter of 25th May to His Excellency, I write to say that I have endeavoured to obtain from Mr. Dalrymple-Clark an idea of the additional cost of arranging a Khedda for His Royal Highness. Mr. Clark explains that as the visit is to be in January, he will have to bring over his men a month earlier, and he estimates that if they are kept in Burma a month longer than would otherwise be necessary, the additional cost involved might amount to Rs. 25,000. This is an outside estimate and includes all contingencies. The men for the Khedda work have to be brought from India on a 3 months' agreement. If, however, the men are not kept in Burma longer than usual, the cost would be very little. It seems to me improbable that the men would have to be detained longer than usual. They would come over earlier and return a month sooner than usual. For we do not want to go on catching an unlimited number of elephants throughout the season. If it is decided to include the Khedda in the programme, I think the charges for the actual Khedda operations may be treated as ordinary Khedda charges, only the cost of preparing the special camp for the Prince of Wales being charged against the cost of His Royal Highness' tour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

No. 99.

FROM COLONEL H. I. W. HAMILTON, D.S.O., Military Secy. to the Commander-in-Chief in India, TO THE MILITARY SECY. TO H. E. THE VICEROY.

Commander-in-Chief's Office, Simla, June 19th, 1905.

SIR,

With reference to your No. 581-M., dated 3rd June 1905, the Commander-in-Chief submits the following names of officers who appear to His Excellency to be in every way suitable for appointment as Honorary Aides-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales :—

1st Lancers ...	...	...	Major H. L. Roberts.
2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers	...		Captain L. F. Ashburner, D. S. O.
„	„	Welsh Fusiliers	„ H. Hill.
„	King's Royal Rifles	...	„ G. Makins.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) H. HAMILTON, *Colonel,*
Military Secretary.

No. 100.

FROM COLONEL H. I. W. HAMILTON, D. S. O., Military Secy. to the Commander-in-Chief in India.

Simla, June 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, the Commander-in-Chief will arrange, as desired by His Excellency the Viceroy, for the appointment of Captain Wigram as Personal Assistant to Sir Walter Lawrence with the status of an Aide-de-Camp.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. HAMILTON, *Colonel,*
Military Secretary.

(94a)

No. 100a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,

June 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am very much obliged to you for the proofs of the Gazetteer articles, which have arrived safely.

I enclose two letters referring to Mohammed Aslam Khan. I have not mentioned the matter to the Prince, but if the Viceroy thinks that it would be expedient to have a Mussalman on the Staff, Aslam Khan might be considered; or if the Viceroy thinks such an appointment would be unnecessary for the whole of India, he might deem it good policy to attach a Mussalman for the tour in the Punjab.

I think I asked you to help me about two native clerks, which was the allowance the Viceroy kindly suggested for my office. The type of man I want is the Munshi from your office. If he could be spared he would be worth far more than mere efficient clerks who are not used to touring.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM MAJOR-GENERAL H. D. HUTCHINSON, C. S. I., TO SIR W. R. LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

War Office, Pall Mall, S. W., June 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR LAWRENCE,

I expect you know the writer of the enclosed letter, Colonel Mohammed Aslam Khan, Sardar Bahadur, C. I. E., as well as I do. He is an Aide-de-Camp

of the King, and they made a good deal of him when he was in England for the Coronation. He thought himself rather 'left out' at the Delhi Durbar, but hopes he may be compensated by being put on duty with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales during the approaching tour in India. Possibly His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince would approve such an arrangement, if you thought it right to recommend it to him. I therefore send you on his letter for your consideration. I need not tell you Aslam Khan is a very fine old fellow.

With apologies for worrying you,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) D. HUTCHINSON.

FROM COLONEL MOHAMMED ASLAM KHAN, SARDAR BAHADUR, C. I. E., TO MAJOR-GENERAL
H. D. HUTCHINSON, C. S. I.

Peshawar, May 31st, 1905.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I had the pleasure of writing to you a letter some time ago regarding the affairs of Delhi Coronation Durbar, and had also requested you to advise me on the subject. Accordingly the advice you so kindly gave me was most judicious, and I acted upon it with great advantage.

Now the similar occasion is drawing near, that is to say, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is going to visit India. I don't know what arrangement will be made with respect to myself, so that I may not be put to shame in India, as well as in Afghanistan. On the other hand, I will deem it a great honour if I am suitably placed in attendance on His Royal Highness during his visit to India. I have a great desire to be placed on the Staff of His Royal Highness and to join it in Bombay if possible. But, as I look upon you as my great benefactor, I therefore hope that you will do all what you will consider best in my interest.

I am really at a great loss as to what to do, and I need not say any more. To whom can I look as my supporter except yourself.

Trusting you are all in perfect state of health,

Believe me, yours ever sincerely,

(Sd.) MOHAMMED ASLAM.

No. 100b.

Extract from letter from Shunker Rao, Chief of Bhor, to the Private Secretary to Viceroy, dated 21st June 1905.

I am extremely delighted to hear of the proposed visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to India in November next. When in the year 1875 our most dear and beloved King-Emperor, the then Prince of Wales, visited India, we all Satara Jahgirdars had the very great honour to present with one accord an address to His Royal Highness, and it was kindly accepted by His Royal Highness.

Now my State has been transferred to the Political Agency of Poona and mine is the only State under it. When Their Royal Highnesses land at Bombay I eagerly desire to give them a party and present them with a letter of welcome expressing my deep sense of devotion and loyalty to the British throne, enclosing it in a golden casket. A request to this effect was made to His Excellency Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, in his recent visit to Bhor to include this in the programme of Their Royal Highnesses' visits in India. His Excellency was then pleased to intimate that this would be duly considered as requested. It is the bounden duty of every loyal and devoted Chief to wish very eagerly for this very high honour, and it all depends solely upon the favour of the Viceroy to extend the same to me.

I earnestly hope that this my request will be remembered by you and be placed before His Excellency the Viceroy with my due respects at the time when the programme will be forwarded by the Government of Bombay and will be favourably considered and accepted by the Viceroy.

No. 101.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Govr. of the United Provinces.

Gort. House, Naini Tal, June 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

His Honour desires me to acknowledge your letter of the 15th, regarding the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I am to send you the enclosed draft programme for His Royal Highness's visits to Agra and Lucknow: it is, as you will see, based on the proposals made in

March, which have been modified in view of information since received. Sir James proposes to arrange according to this programme unless he hears to the contrary.

At Agra if the Prince cares to visit the tomb of Ehtimad-ud-daula and the Chini-ka-rauza, he could do so on Sunday afternoon in addition to the visit to the Taj.

There are not many people at Agra who would be entitled to the honour of being asked to meet Their Royal Highnesses at dinner; and the Lieutenant-Governor would propose to invite Sir Alfred and Lady Gaselee, who, it is understood, are likely to be at Agra at the time, the Commissioner and his wife, and the Officer Commanding the Station and his wife. Would you please let me know whether anyone else should be asked? If, as Sir James understands is proposed, the State dinner at Agra is abandoned, will the reception also be given up, its place being taken by the garden party to be given by European residents at Sikandra?

If a reception is held after dinner, are all the Civil and Military gazetted officers to be invited? The Central India Chiefs and any Political officers with them would no doubt be asked: should any Indian officials receive invitations?

It is understood that orders will be received later regarding the proposal that the Prince should unveil the Queen's statue at Agra.

To meet the Prince at Lucknow His Honour proposes to ask the Chief Justice of the High Court and the senior Civilian Judge. The Secretaries to Government will of course all be there, as also at Agra. Is it intended that any more Government officials, other than those who may be there on duty, should be asked to Lucknow to meet His Royal Highness?

May I also have instructions as to who should be invited to the State dinner at Lucknow? I have calculated that if all the officials included in the Warrant of Precedence down to the end of the 2nd class (No. 55) who are in Lucknow at the time are invited with their wives, the total would come to about 70: but to these should be added the officers in command of the regiments at Lucknow. The reception afterwards will be presumably regulated on the same lines as the reception, if any, to be given at Agra.

In the event of His Royal Highness deciding to visit Cawnpore on the 28th on his way from Lucknow to Calcutta, he would probably not have time to drive round Cantonments that morning: but the drive could be arranged to take place on Wednesday morning instead, before the visits from the Taluqdars.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

AGRA.

- December 16th, Saturday ... Arrive at Agra from Delhi in morning.
Public arrival and Municipal address.
- Noon ... Receive Central India Chiefs.
- 4-0 ... Garden Party at Sikandra, to be given by European residents.
Quiet evening.
- „ 17th, Sunday.
- 11-0 ... Church.
Visit Taj in the afternoon.
- „ 18th, Monday ... Visit the Palace in the Fort in the morning.
- Noon ... Return visits of Central India Chiefs.
- 4-0 P. M. ... Unveiling of Queen's statue.
Small dinner party, followed by reception.
- „ 19th, Tuesday.
- 11-0 ... Leave Agra by motors.
- 12-15 ... Arrive Fatehpur Sikri.
- 4-0 ... Leave Fatehpur Sikri.
- 5-0 ... Arrive Bhurtpore.

LUCKNOW.

- „ 26th, Tuesday ... Arrive at Lucknow in morning from Gwalior.
Public arrival and Municipal address.
- Noon ... Receive Nawab of Rampur and Raja of Tehri.
- 4-0 ... Visit Residency.
Small dinner party, followed by entertainment, and illuminations given by Taluqdars at the Kaisar Bagh.
- „ 27th, Wednesday.
- 11-30 ... Receive visits from Taluqdars.
- 12-30 ... Return Nawab of Rampur's visit.
- 4-0 ... Garden party at Husainabad to be given by European residents.
- 8-0 ... State dinner at the Chattar Manzil, followed by reception.
- „ 28th, Thursday ... Drive round Cantonment with Officer Commanding 8th Division.
Leave Lucknow.

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No. 102.

FROM THE HON. MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Central India.

Indore, June 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I will reply to your letter of the 15th June, regarding the Prince of Wales' tour, so soon as I have heard from the Political officers whom I have had to address on the subject. Meanwhile I shall be glad if you would let me know whether it is desired that I should speak immediately to Rutlam and Jaora regarding the Cadet Corps proposal. For the present I have kept the whole matter confidential, and no communication has been made to any Chief as to the Prince of Wales' intentions. As a matter of personal opinion I think that the Nawab of Jaora will be very pleased to go to Calcutta with the Cadet Corps, but I do not feel quite so sure about the views of the Raja of Rutlam.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 103.

FROM THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COLONEL H. A. DEANE, C. S. I., Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

Nathiagalli, June 22nd, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

I have received your letter of the 15th June, informing me that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will be at Peshawar on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th December. It is not yet stated at what time they will arrive on the 2nd, but as the 3rd will be a Sunday, and presumably no entertainment is permissible on that day, the programme will be

difficult to fit in. If Their Royal Highnesses arrive fairly early on the 2nd, it will be practicable for them to visit the city sometime before lunch and receive the address, and have a garden party, or receive visitors in the afternoon.

On Sunday I presume that Their Royal Highnesses will attend church, and might drive with the General Officer Commanding round Cantonments in the afternoon.

Monday 4th would be occupied with the visit to Landi Kotal and back, and the State Dinner would have to be held that evening. I presume that they will not be leaving till the morning of the 5th, otherwise it will be difficult to fit in the State Dinner.

The revised programme would therefore read—

December 2nd	...	...	Public arrival, visit city, and receive address.
(Saturday)			Garden party in afternoon.
			Private dinner.
„ 3rd	...	...	Church.
(Sunday)			In afternoon drive with General of Division through Cantonments.
			Private dinner.
„ 4th	...	...	Go to Landi Kotal returning in evening.
(Monday)			State dinner.
„ 5th	...	...	Leave by train in the morning.
(Tuesday)			

Will you kindly let me know whether this is correct ?

When I proposed the curtailment of the visit to Peshawar, I calculated, as you will see by my letter of the 30th March, that we should have three clear working days.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. A. DEANE.

No. 103a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., June 23rd, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of the 1st instant, and for the generous manner in which you have responded to the suggestion of Provincial Police arrangements. The news about the landing possibilities of Rangoon and Madras is also very comforting, and I have communicated it to Captain Tyrwhitt. The Prince has been away this week, but I know that he will accept your advice about the Bengal Club Ball and the Young Men's Christian Association, Calcutta. I will write a definite refusal next week. He has decided, on reconsideration, to accept the Byculla Club Ball at Bombay. I warned him that it would be a hot and late function, but he thinks it would be popular, and he thinks of the precedent set by the King. Perhaps it will not prove more tiring than the second reception, which was proposed on the evening of November 13th, the date suggested for the Byculla Club Ball. I am very glad that you have confirmed the opinion that I gave to His Majesty and to Their Royal Highnesses as to entry into Native States and Provincial capitals. It is rather difficult to secure finality, as everyone has an opinion and everyone likes to press his opinion on Their Royal Highnesses or His Majesty.

I have made out a careful list of presents to be given to those who entertain and help Their Royal Highnesses. I am doubtful whether His Royal Highness should follow your example, and give gifts to religious bodies—to the Hindus at Benares,

the Musalmans at Delhi—Jama Masjid,

the Sikhs at Amritsar—Golden Temple,

the Christians at Simla—the Church,

the Buddhists at Rangoon—S. D. Pagoda,

The trouble is the amount: Rivaz says if we cannot afford Rs. 5,000 to each, better give nothing; and I am afraid that Rs. 25,000 is out of the question.

I have arranged with the India Office and with Putnam that the latter shall accompany me as short-hand writer. He will be a great help to me.

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I see by the papers that you are out at Naldera. I hope that the change has proved beneficial to your health.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER R. LAWRENCE.

No. 104.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Ganeshkhind, 24th June 1905, 2-1 p. m. (Recd. 5-15 p. m.)

Your private letter of 8th June. Neither I nor Political Department have received any instructions to approach Idar on the subject of his being attached to the Staff of the Prince of Wales.

No. 105.

FROM H. H. SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.

Naini Tal, June 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I enclose a letter from Maharaja Bhagwati Prasad Singh of Balrampur requesting the honour of being allowed to show Khedda operations to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Maharaja is the first of the Oudh Tulukdars. He has adequate arrangements for carrying out a Khedda, some 150 elephants and trained men.

He has sufficient money to be able properly to entertain His Royal Highness. But in ordinary course he would not hold a Khedda this year as he had one last year. I presume that at this date it would not be possible for His Royal Highness to alter his programme. There is no certainty that elephants will be found at the time and place that would suit the Prince if he visited the Khedda ground on his way to Nepal.

I should imagine that His Excellency the Viceroy would not be prepared to recommend the Khedda, and if so I shall thank the Maharaja and say that arrangements cannot now be made.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. D. LATOUCHE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM H. H. MAHARAJA BHAGWATI PRASAD SINGH of Balrampur to H. H.
SIR J. D. LATOUCHE, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor, United Provinces.

Icy Park, Naini Tal, June 24th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR JAMES LATOUCHE,

As you know, we hold a Khedda for capturing wild elephants, and I have an eager desire to show the operations to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to India. I write to ask the favour of your very kindly arranging for the same, and have every hope that this privilege will be conferred on me if you back me up.

A shoot is being arranged, I am told, for the Royal party in the Nepa jungles, and it will not, I believe, be found difficult or inconvenient to spare three or four days for the Khedda somewhere on their way to the shoot. I would suggest the neighbourhood of Hardwar as a

suitable place for the Khedda if it suits other arrangements made for the party. The Railway station is very near, and though herds of elephants are not found in that quarter, there is every hope of seeing wild elephants, which if too big or too old to be captured can anyhow serve to show a fight. In case this may not suit, I would like to know which way the Royal party intend going to Nepal, and I shall be happy to arrange a Khedda somewhere there, provided wild elephants could be found that side.

Hoping the request will meet with your approval, and that I shall realise my heartfelt desire,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) BHAGWATI PRASAD SINGH.

No. 106.

R.

Governor of Madras to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, Ootacamund, 25th June 1905, 5-35 p. m. (Recd. 8 p.m.)

Your secret telegram of 23rd June. The idea no doubt exists, but so far no definite proposals have been made. In 1875 only addresses of the city of Madras were read to the Prince of Wales; all other addresses were sent in writing. The orders of 1875 might be repeated, or preferable, the procedure often adopted by Queen Victoria might be followed, that is to say that the addresses and briefly written replies should be exchanged without any word being spoken.

No. 106a.

Extract from letter from His Excellency the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 29th June 1905.

I am sorry about the oversight in connection with Idar being on His Royal Highness's Staff, but I had got into my head that an official document on the subject would come.

No. 106b.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., June 29th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Before I reply to your kind letter of 8th instant, I must answer two points in your letter of 1st instant. Owing to the numerous engagements already made during the visit to Calcutta, the Prince wishes to decline the invitation of the Bengal Club and of the Young Men's Christian

Association. Might suitable answers be sent to the Bengal Club and to the Young Men's Christian Association? Their Royal Highnesses were much pleased to receive the invitation of the former, but the State Ball will be sufficient, and there will be many opportunities of meeting Calcutta society.

The Prince entirely accepts the advice you so kindly give him regarding Burma in your letter of the 8th instant. He prefers the illuminations on the Lakes to a ball: he would like to see a *pwe* at Mandalay: and he would rather have the Kheddah in Mysore than in Burma. He also prefers to adhere to the original idea, and to return from Mandalay to Prome by boat. If you can arrange for a few hours duck shooting on the way he will be grateful. The less snipe shooting he attempts in the climate of Burma, the better.

As regards the place, where the Northern Shan Chiefs should meet His Royal Highness, he leaves it entirely to you. His one idea is to avoid trouble and expense to those who wish to meet him.

As regards addresses I have already explained, but the Prince will be guided by you. Perhaps your suggestion of an address from the entire community would meet the case, though in most places the Municipality does represent the entire community. The Prince's idea is that, if addresses, other than those presented by Municipalities, are recommended by you, they should not be read, but merely handed to him. The Municipal address will of course be read, and will be answered by the Prince. If you advise—in addition—addresses from entire communities, could these be handed in after the Municipal address has been read? I wonder if you will advise that an address from the Universities of Bombay, Madras, and, I suppose, Lahore, should be received. I am rather anxious about these addresses, as the Prince is very particular about the style and language of his replies. He regards me as rather "flowery," and is very fond of the very simplest of language.

He is especially anxious that there should be no speeches at banquets; and in British territory the only toast he wishes is that of the King. Of course in Native States, at the Banquet he must propose the health of the Chief. Similarly, when unveiling the Queen's statues at Bangalore and at Karachi, he thinks it would be improper for the grandson to eulogise the memory of the Queen. It is very good of you to make arrangements for the Press representatives. Maxwell, who represents the *Daily Mail*, is an especially interesting man, and all whom I have seen seem of a very high type. I have held out no hopes to them of special facilities, and the question of expense will prevent many papers from sending correspondents. But men of the Maxwell and Sidney Low type cannot fail to bring India home to the British public.

I ought to have mentioned that the Prince will be glad to unveil the statue of the late Queen, as suggested by the Mysore Durbar in Mr. Moss-King's letter of 15th ultimo.

The Prince would be grateful if occasionally railway passes may be given to Captain Tyrwhitt, Sheppard, and Campbell, R. N., and to a group of four selected naval officers. They would, when they could get away from their ships, run up to places like Jaipur, Delhi, and, perhaps, Hyderabad, just to be spectators. They would pack close.

I hope that your last monsoon will be a great one and bring bumper crops.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 107.

FROM W. M. BERESFORD, Esq., Secretary, Calcutta Turf Club, to THE MILITARY
SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY.

Calcutta Turf Club, 33, Theatre Road, Calcutta,
June 29th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

In answer to your demi-official 679 of 24th instant, I beg to forward you, under separate cover, a programme of the Calcutta Races and Tollygunge Steeple-Chases, 1905-06.

The terms of the Prince of Wales' Cup you will find on page 15.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) W. M. BERESFORD.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Extract from page 15 of the Programme of the Calcutta Races, and Tollygunge Steeple Chases,
1905-1906.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, 30TH DECEMBER 1905.

The Prince of Wales' Cup.—A cup presented by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales and Rs. 13,000 from the Fund. The Cup and Rs. 10,000 to the winner, Rs. 2,000 to the second, and Rs. 1,000 to the third.

A Handicap for horses.

Distance.—R. C. (1 m. 5 f. 48 yards.)

Entrance.—6th November, Rs. 100; 5th December, when race will close, Rs. 200; with Rs. 75 extra for horses not struck out by 7 p. m. on Thursday, the 23th December, and Rs. 100 more if not struck out by 12 noon on Friday, the 29th December.

No. 108.

FROM COL. H. I. W. HAMILTON, D. S. O., Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief in India, to THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO H. E. THE VICEROY.

Commander-in-Chief's Office, Simla, June 30th, 1905.

SIR,

With reference to your No. 681-M., dated 26th June 1905, I have the honour to inform you that the necessary action will be taken for the appointment of Captain the Hon'ble W. G. Cadogan, 10th Hussars, as Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) H. HAMILTON.

No. 109.

FROM H. A. STUART, Esq., C. S. I., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Simla, July 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I return the file on the subject of addresses to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales which you sent to me with your demi-official letter of the 28th June. I send you, in original, my demi-official letter with which I forwarded the papers to the Hon'ble Member, and his notes thereon.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. A. STUART.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM H. A. STUART, Esq., C. S. I., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Dept., to THE HON'BLE SIR A. T. ARUNDEL, K. C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

MY DEAR SIR ARUNDEL,

Simla, June 30th, 1905.

Please see the papers below. I think the proposed orders are appropriate as instructions to Local Governments. I am in some doubt as to what public announcement, if any, should be made. I am disposed to think that we should make none but leave Local Governments to deal with each case as it arises in the light of the instructions sent to them. For example, the Madras Government receives a political address from the Mahajana Sabha. It will reply that His Royal Highness will receive only addresses of a congratulatory or complimentary nature. The Municipality of Anantapur sends an address

of a complimentary nature; the reply will be that His Royal Highness will receive addresses only from the Corporations of large cities visited by him.

Local Governments might be told to communicate the instructions demi-officially and confidentially to heads of districts, who will then be in a position to discourage the preparation of addresses which cannot be received.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. A. STUART.

I think the proposed orders are suitable as instructions to Local Governments. But it will save Local Governments from trouble, friction, and abuse from the native press if an official *communiqué* is made to the press giving the gist of these instructions.

Paragraph 2 of the instructions requiring the submission of doubtful addresses *through the Government of India* will help to choke off attempts to introduce political and other matters into addresses, for the framers will know their chance of success is *nil*.

A. T. A.,—1-7-05.

No. 109a.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

The Shrubbery, Darjeeling, July 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I come to Your Excellency for advice which it may be impossible for you to give me; but I trust that this may not be so.

Mr. Greer has gone home in bad health. I believe that he ought not to come out at all, or at least that he should not come out for a long time. But I believe that he has made up his mind to come out in November: (a) to push the Calcutta decentralisation scheme, and (b) in the hope of being knighted during the Prince of Wales' visit. I have told him that the decentralisation scheme cannot be taken up; and I wish to give him a hint about the hoped for knighthood, if I may.

I find a telegram from Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir James Bourdillon (then acting Lieutenant-Governor) saying, "Confidential. Viceroy is prepared to give Greer C. S. I. in forthcoming list, but thinks he might prefer waiting for knighthood when Prince of Wales comes a year later. He

could not get both. What do you advise?" This was dated 26th October 1903; and Sir James replied the same day, "Confidential. Honours. Greer. In the circumstances His Honour recommends C. S. I. now." I propose to tell Mr. Greer that I find this on record, and that he cannot therefore hope for anything this time.

I should not like to do this unless I were sure that Your Excellency held to the view expressed in the telegram above quoted that he cannot get both the C. S. I. he has got and knighthood as well. I should not like to deprive him of honour he might otherwise get.

May I ask Your Excellency's advice on this matter?

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

No. 110.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Armadale, Simla, July 3rd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly obtain His Excellency's instructions on the following suggestions for the employment of Honorary Aides-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The following have been nominated :—

Captain Cadogan, 10th Royal Hussars.

Major H. L. Roberts, 1st Lancers (Skinner's Horse.)

Captain L. F. Ashburner, D. S. O., 2nd Royal Fusiliers.

Captain H. Hill, 2nd Welsh Fusiliers.

Captain G. Makins, 2nd King's Royal Rifles.

I would suggest that Captain Cadogan, who is stationed at Mhow, should be present during the Bombay visit, that Major Roberts should be attached to His Royal Highness's Escort of Skinner's Horse during his visit to Delhi and throughout the Manœuvres. Captains Hill from Agra and Makins from Ranikhet might join His Royal Highness's camp at Agra, Bhurtpore, and Gwalior, while Captain Ashburner, who is stationed at Lebong, could be present at Calcutta and Darjeeling.

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If His Excellency approves of these suggestions, I will arrange for the disposal of the above officers as indicated. If His Excellency deems such employment insufficient, I would also try and utilise them if an emergency occurs, but in the ordinary course of events I can see no further employment for them.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 111.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 4th July 1905, 12-30 p. m. (Recd. 8-40 p. m.)

Private. The following is from Sir W. R. Lawrence:—

Begins. Your letter dated June 15th. Publish avoiding details, only mentioning dates and places. *End of message.*

No. 111a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
July 4th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

In his last letter the Viceroy mentions that when Photographers apply to him he will tell them that all reasonable facilities will be given to them. I therefore return the applications which you sent back with your letter of 13th April as you might be able to deal with them in a circular letter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

P. S.—If you could manage it without difficulty, it would be a great help if I might have a few printed copies of the tour programme as finally approved by the Viceroy showing the date in each week when the mail leaves

for England and when it arrives from England just as we used to have in the little books of the Viceroy's tour.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Letter from Bourne & Shepherd, dated 16th February 1905.

Letter from Johnston & Hoffmann, dated 2nd March 1905.

Letter from Bourne & Shepherd, dated 4th March 1905.

Letter from Henry S. King & Co., dated 7th March 1905.

Letter from Samuel Fitze & Co, dated London, 20th March 1905.

Letter from Raja Deen Dayal & Sons, dated 23rd March 1905.

No. 111b.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
July 4th, 1905.*

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your letter of 15th June. The Prince read out to me your letter to him of the same date. He is greatly pleased that you were able to accept his modifications. It makes business much simpler when proposals come through you. Bombay has pressed the Byculla Club Ball, and, as I told you in my last, the Prince has decided to attend it. This mail Bombay writes saying that the omission to open the new dock will imperil the success of the visit. I pointed out to the Prince that the programme in the climate of Bombay would prove exhausting, but he said that if the ceremony could be limited to a quarter of an hour, he would open the dock. I explained that ceremonies in India were lengthy, but he says that he will open the dock. I have written to Edgerley begging him to curtail the proceedings and also asking him to refrain from suggesting further items. I am more and more anxious as to His Royal Highness being able to stay the course. He easily gets tired. I asked him yesterday as to sending you a wire to publish the tour. He demurred as the tour was so long ahead, but I pointed out that the public had to be considered, and that people had to make arrangements for houses at the large capitals, &c., &c. He is especially nervous as to his shooting plans getting out, but I explained that his visit to Nepal and lengthened stay in Hyderabad necessarily suggested

shooting. In the end all I could effect was a telegram: "Your letter 15th June. Publish avoiding details, only mentioning dates and places." Personally I see no object in this caution, and only hope that the telegram will be sufficient for the object you have in view.

I am very glad that you have so kindly agreed to the idea of separate political officers for the different administrations. I think it will work, and if we have the printed form for each Chief, I will see that nothing is omitted. Of course the officer selected in each place will be chiefly responsible for ceremony and punctuality, but a confidential order might be sent to him telling him to co-operate in preventing the offer of presents. I daresay later you will let me see the orders you issue to enforce obedience to the *King's* wishes. I would keep these to myself; but I shall call on all the Indian staff and all the Prince's staff from England to assist in enforcing the order. Sir Edward Bradford has given me some valuable experience he had on his tour with Prince Eddy.

Your plan about photographers seems the fairest and simplest. Probably there is some understanding, and in certain localities certain firms will be supreme. I told you that the *Illustrated* was sending out an artist—Gregg. Now I hear that the *Graphic* is sending out Jacomb Hood. Landon goes out for the *Daily Telegraph*.

I am sorry to hear about Stratton and Fagan, but they are of a bad type, and I am not surprised. The power of an Agent, unless the Viceroy is strong, and his Foreign Office vigilant, is enormous. Bhurtpore has been the happy hunting grounds of Euan Smith and others.

The Prince was enthusiastic over your proposed procedure for State Banquets—in British territory—and hopes you will send out a private hint that "the King-Emperor" proposed in a few words by the host, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to which he will rise and say "thank you" will suffice. Last mail I wrote to you on this subject. In Native States he must make a speech on the subject of his host and his State, and in Calcutta I should advise him to say something about his host. His delivery is excellent, and he works hard at his speeches, but he dislikes oratory. He must make a speech at the opening of the Queen Victoria Memorial. He does not think it right to eulogise the memory of his grandmother, but he can eulogise the loyal generosity of those who gave donations; and the energy and labour of the Viceroy who conceived the idea.

I shall be most grateful for any hints which you can give for speeches or replies to addresses. To be quite safe all replies should be seen by you before they are delivered, but I fear that time will not allow of that. I should be very careful to avoid controversial subjects even if they are included in the

addresses, and to stick to safe generalities. I wonder when the addresses will begin to reach me. I hope to get away for a month in August to Scotland.

With our kindest regards to Her Excellency and yourself,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 111c.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Marlborough House, July 6th, 1905.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of June 15th. I am also very grateful to you for the ready way in which you have agreed to the changes which I have suggested in the programme which you so kindly prepared for us.

I am looking forward with keen interest to November, and sincerely hope I shall find you well when we arrive at Bombay.

With many kind messages to Lady Curzon from the Princess and myself, whom we trust has now quite recovered from her long and serious illness.

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Very sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 111d.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W., July 7th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Would you lay the enclosed before the Viceroy? I have told Sir John that the Prince will be advised by the Government of India

as to the addresses he will receive. If he recognises Native Christians he should also recognise other religions, and the less religion is a standard the better.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM RT. HON. SIR JOHN KENNAWAY, C. B., TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

June 30th, 1905.

DEAR SIR W. LAWRENCE,

I believe that you are the one chiefly responsible for the Prince of Wales' Indian tour. My people are desirous that there should be opportunity for Native Christians to present addresses if they wished, or that some recognition should be afforded to them by His Royal Highness visiting some Christian institution.

I believe this permission was afforded when His Majesty the King visited India and those who represent the Native Christians are anxious that they should be recognised equally now.

Hoping that you will consider this not an unreasonable request,

I remain, yours faithfully,
(Sd) J. H. KENNAWAY.

No. 112.

R.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Ganeshkhind, 8th July 1905, 4-37 p. m. (Recd. 9 p. m.)

Private. Idar gladly accepts invitation to be Chief of Native Staff of the Prince of Wales. He feels very much honoured and asks that his best thanks may be conveyed. There appears to be no objection to his absence from November to March. Arrangements proposed for the administration will be reported later.

No. 112a.

Extract from letter from H. E. The Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 8th July 1905.

I am making enquiries about the possibilities of a duck shoot in Sind for His Royal Highness, and have consulted Olivier about a quail shoot in Kaira,

but he says it is quite impossible to know so long beforehand whether there will be any birds.

I am wiring to you Idar's acceptance of the appointment on the Prince's Staff. I will let you know later what arrangements we would propose regarding the administration of his State during his absence.

I am pressing His Royal Highness to lay the foundation stone of the new Dock : Bombay will have a fit if he doesn't.

In your Foreign Department letter 19-C. W. of 7th November 1875, our Chief Secretary was nominated to attend His Royal Highness at ceremonial visits : and I suppose Edgerley will be the man to do so on the present occasion.

No. 113.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C. I. E., Offg. Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan.

Quetta, July 9th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I write in reply to your letter of June 24th, and take the opportunity also of acknowledging your letter of June 26th and enclosure regarding the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Quetta in March next.

I think that, if possible, it would be an advantage if the reception of the Baluch Chiefs could take place on the afternoon of the 12th. I think that they would like to be received at an early stage in the visit and to be in evidence on two days rather than on one.

As to March 13th I think that it is likely to be bitterly cold in Quetta so early in the year : it may be freezing, and storms are not unusual. For the garden party, therefore, I would substitute a reception of the tribal Sirdars and Native officials, if the suggestion is permissible. In the evening the public reception that follows the official dinner might be limited to Europeans and Native officers of the Army. This would be far more convenient from the point of view of accommodation.

As to the 14th I think that the return visit to the Khan might stand precisely as it is for the present. His Excellency is acquainted with the current affairs of Kalat.

The balance of the arrangements would seem to give time for His Royal Highness to visit the Military Hospital, or this might be done earlier.

I think that, unless the departure for Karachi is public, the Chiefs and tribal Sirdars would greatly value a further opportunity of taking leave of Their Royal Highnesses. The taking of leave is customary and might be a very brief ceremony at the Residency or Railway Station. Their Royal Highnesses' visit will be so striking an event and so powerful an influence for good that I am anxious that the tribal Sirdars should be permitted to enjoy fully the honour of the occasion. Otherwise they will be rather in the cold for the last two days.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. L. P. TUCKER.

No. 114.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Indore, July 11th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Please refer to your letter of the 15th June, regarding the tour of the Prince of Wales. You will no doubt remember that the Raja of Sailana was given to understand that he would receive the Insignia of a K. C. I. E. from His Royal Highness. As there is to be no Chapter of the Orders or Investiture, it will perhaps be more convenient that Sailana should come to Agra, where the Begum of Bhopal will, I presume, also receive her Insignia.

Subject to the possible addition of Sailana, the list of Central India Chiefs to be presented to His Royal Highness can, of course, be kept down to the five named in your letter. There may be some trouble through the inclusion of Charkhari, as he is junior provincially to the Maharaja of Samthar; but this can, no doubt, be got over, and Charkhari is certainly the more eligible representative.

Will you kindly let me know whether formal invitations to attend at Agra for the purpose of meeting His Royal Highness will be sent to the selected Chiefs, or whether I am merely to inform them of the arrangement made? Nothing has as yet been said to any of them. No doubt the big

Maidan at Agra will be the best place for the Chiefs to camp; but details as to this should, I presume, be settled with the local authorities.

I think I shall select Major Peacock, now Political Agent in Malwa, to conduct the ceremonial duties ordinarily performed by an Officer of the Foreign Department; but the nomination need not be made until the time has come a little nearer.

I will write separately about the Cadet Corps suggestion. The Nawab of Jaora is coming here tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 115.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 13th July 1905, 12-20 p. m. (Recd. 8-48 p. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of yesterday. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's Tour. Following from Sir A. Bigge:—

Begins. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales authorises you to publish such details as you consider absolutely necessary.

No. 116.

FROM J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay.

July 13th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Lord Lamington directs me to send you the enclosed letter from Morison, for His Excellency the Viceroy's information, regarding the possibility of a duck shoot in Sind in March.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM W. O. MORISON, Esq., Commissioner of Sind, to J. H. DuBOULAY, Esq., Private Secy. to the Govr. of Bombay.

Karachi, July 7th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR DuBOULAY,

Yours of 1st instant. I have consulted those who know about shooting in Sind, and the unanimous opinion is that a good duck shoot could not be had so late as March 15th. Most of the duck shooting in Sind is on "inundation" *dhand*s, which begin to dry up in January, and are in an ordinary year, quite dry by the end of February. The *dhand*, which His Excellency the Viceroy shot over near Larkana, is of this class, and generally dries up early in February. Besides the fact that most of the water dries up, it must be remembered that the duck begin to migrate northwards long before March 15th in an ordinary year.

The only likely perennial *dhand*, which I can hear of situated anywhere near the railway, is the Changro *dhand*, 15 miles from Larkana. Crerar, who knows it well, and has shot over it, says that they never think of shooting it in March; but, if it was preserved for 2 or 3 months before, he thinks it possible that a *total* bag of not more than 50 duck might perhaps be got off it as late as March 15th; but even this would be only a chance, as it might happen that the duck would have all migrated by that date.

I can hear of no other possible "shoot" about that date, and think that, on the whole, it would be advisable to abandon the idea.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. O. MORISON.

No. 116a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
July 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 22nd ultimo. The Prince has shown to me your letter to him of the same mail. The Princess will be glad to dine with Lord Kitchener on January 5th.

They both agree to follow your advice as to the Madras Club Ball, and I am writing to Lord Ampthill by this mail.

Bigge is telegraphing today about the servants. From the first I have advised against any English servants save those of Their Royal Highnesses, on the ground that native servants are more efficient, and that English servants are an encumbrance. When we arrive in Bombay and the Prince's staff see

what good men the native servants are, I hope that they will see the advantage of leaving their valets on the ship, but Beatson has it in his power to say that there is so much accommodation and no more on the train, and at places where we stay. The Press men will be a difficulty. On the Colonial tour, there were two trains. The Press men went off in the first train and the Prince travelled in the second. Any facilities you can give the Press men will be highly appreciated.

The Prince is away at Sandringham, and I shall not see him till 23rd. I feel sure that he will agree in your views as regards addresses :

(1) communities when they are not fairly represented by Municipalities ;

(2) addresses to be confined to actual localities visited by Prince.

I am glad that you have advised against handshaking at levées.

As regards the Receptions I must talk to Their Royal Highnesses. I shall advise the B fashion for all places. The list might be made out, but kept more or less secret, and the presentations appear to be made informally and impromptu. After some time on the dais Their Royal Highnesses might walk round the rooms—in Calcutta with Your Excellencies, in Bombay with the Governor. I will write at length about this when I have discussed it with the Prince and Princess.

If it will not be inconvenient the Prince's cup for the races will be sent on ahead to your address Calcutta. If you see no objection it might be exhibited at Hamilton's, as I believe your cup is exhibited.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

P. S.—A telegram was sent to you yesterday regarding publication of details of the tour.

No. 116b.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
July 14th, 1905.*

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

I have just had a long talk with His Royal Highness on the telephone. He is anxious to accept some hospitality at the hands of the Maharaja of Cooch Behar. He cannot, of course, shoot in his

State, and he does not want another garden party, but if you could arrange for Their Royal Highnesses' lunching one day at Cooch Behar's Calcutta house, he would be glad. He says that he knows Cooch Behar well, and has in past times often talked to him about seeing him when he went to India. So if you see no great objection, His Royal Highness would like to show him this mark of favour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 117.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 14th July 1905, 3-40 p. m. (Recd. 11-50 p. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 11th instant. Bigge says 17 servants must come to Bombay, where arrangements can be made for their disposal. Please state maximum that can be accommodated on the train and at various stopping places.

No. 118.

R.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, July 14th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to paragraph 6 of your demi-official of the 15th June 1905, and to your demi-official of today's date to the address of Sir Denzil Ibbetson, His Honour thinks that it would be well for His Royal Highness to follow His Excellency's example in presenting a gift to the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

As regards paragraph 7 of the first named letter, I am desired to say that the Maharaja of Patiala is the only minor Chief, and he could not be omitted. The question whether the Regent of Maler Kotla should be received by His Royal Highness will be considered separately, and you will be addressed later upon this point.

2. It has been suggested by General Beatson that, as almost all the regular troops employed in the Lahore District will be absent on manœuvres

at the time of the Royal visit, it would be an excellent occasion to bring the Punjab Imperial Service Troops to Lahore. The Punjab Chiefs would doubtless be delighted to bring their forces with them, and the troops would be useful for ceremonial purposes. His Honour is in favour of the proposal, and, if His Excellency approves, details could be settled later.

3. The delay in answering was due to a desire to consult General Beatson before replying, so that all points which needed reference to His Excellency should be referred together.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

No. 119.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Armada, Simla, July 14th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Aslam Khan is not a Native of India, and I think that if his attendance on the Prince of Wales is limited to the "The Frontier Province" it will be sufficient.

His presence elsewhere might be resented, and the Indian Aides of His Royal Highness the Prince would, I am sure, feel slighted.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 120.

Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Abu, 16th July 1905, 5-55 p. m. (Recd. 8-10 p. m.)

Your telegram of 15th July. One reply still is awaited from Political Officer. Hope to be able to telegraph my recommendations by 18th July.

No. 121.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. N. BAKER, C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Simla, July 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Yesterday I received a letter from Prodyot Coomar Tagore, Secretary of the Prince of Wales' Reception Committee in Calcutta, asking whether the Committee might be allowed the privilege of sending telegrams and letters free of charge, or in default of this, whether they might be allowed to use service postage stamps.

I have replied saying that a reply will be sent him shortly : but that it is doubtful whether either concession can be granted.

The Office have been unable, so far, to trace any precedent; and are consulting Commerce and Industry Department, which deals with Posts and Telegraphs. Home Department will also, I think, have to be consulted.

But I think the probability is that His Excellency will wish to negative the request at once. It could not be granted without extending similar privileges to all other Reception Committees, of which there must be many: and this would be inconvenient. Moreover, there seems no particular reason why Reception Committees should not bear their own charges.

Will you kindly take His Excellency's orders? Meanwhile, the Office are still searching for precedents.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. N. BAKER.

No. 121a.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Sunday, July 16th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Arrangements can be made to accommodate surplus servants on the train at the stopping places, and I should have to arrange for their food-supply from whoever caters for the train.

Even His Excellency can give us no more help than he has, and I must worry out some *via media* for the gentlemen's gentlemen's comfort!!

If a reply has to go to Bigge it might be to the effect that "inconvenience to masters and men must be expected, but that the best arrangement possible will be made."

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 122.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to the Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, July 17th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Please refer to your demi-official dated the 30th May 1905 to my address and to the Note forwarded therewith. I attach the statement referred to in paragraph 3 of the Note.

Sir Charles Rivaz, to whom I sent a copy of the Note, pointed out that it was almost impossible for him to form any exact estimate, especially as he had not yet settled terms with the contractor whom he proposed to employ as caterer; but he thought that Rs. 15,000 should be asked for as an extra sumptuary allowance, and proposed to refund any portion of the grant that might not be spent. Since then the contractor has sent in his estimate, while Their Royal Highnesses have added a day to their visit; and it is certain that the additional cost of entertaining them will not be less than Rs. 20,000.

No grants will be needed under paragraphs 4 to 8 of the Note. A certain expenditure will be involved under paragraph 9; but it is impossible to estimate its amount till details are settled. In any case it will not be large.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Statement of entertainments connected with the Royal tour in the Punjab.

Number of days during which the Royal party is to be entertained.	Entertainments proposed.	REMARKS.
Lahore 4 days	... 1 State Dinner (Men only)...	This estimate does not include the ball to be given on the 30th, as this will be given by the Province privately.

Lahore	...	...	1 Reception (after dinner).	
4 days			3 Dinners (Leading officials and their wives to be invited).	
			3 Breakfasts.	
			3 Lunches.	
			1 Evening Party with illuminations.	
			1 Pardah Party.	
			1 Garden Party.	
Amritsar	...	...	Breakfast	... Lunch and dinner will be taken in the train.
1 day			Lunch.	
			Tea in Ram Bagh.	
Delhi	...	...	3 Dinners.	
4 days			4 Breakfasts.	
			3 Lunches.	
			1 Lunch at Kutab.	
			1 Dinner followed by Reception.	
Her Royal Highness some days longer.		.....		Her Royal Highness will probably stay on at Delhi while His Royal Highness is with Lord Kitchener.

(Sd.) A. R. JELF.—17-7-05.

No. 123.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secretary to the Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, July 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Your letter of the 15th July (received yesterday).

Sir Denzil Ibbetson feels a little difficulty in advising as to the sum to be presented by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Golden Temple at Amritsar, as he does not know what the Viceroy usually gives. He thinks that His Royal Highness should certainly not give more than the Viceroy; but it would be well that he should not give less.

Speaking without knowledge of what has been given before, Sir Denzil would suggest Rs. 1,000 as an appropriate donation.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

No. 124.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

July 17th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I presume that this is impossible.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM H. H. the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad, G.C.I.E., to W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., I.C.S.,
Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

The Palace, Murshidabad, July 12th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,

The battle of Plassey is a memorable event in the history of India, and the battle-field happens to be near the Plassey Station on the Ranaghat-Murshidabad Railway line, within an easy journey from Calcutta. Should His Royal Highness have a few hours to spare on the occasion of his visit to Calcutta, I should like to do myself the great honour of showing him over the battle-field and to make the necessary arrangements. I shall, therefore, be greatly obliged to you, if you would kindly ascertain and let me know if it would suit His Royal Highness's convenience to grant me the honour of showing him over the field. As I am ill with paralysis, my eldest son the Hon'ble Asif Kudr Syud Wasif Ali Mirza, would, with that devoted loyalty and allegiance to the Throne and the Royal family, which is a sacred tradition in my family, do himself the great honour of waiting upon His Royal Highness at Plassey on any particular day that might be appointed for the purpose.

Trusting you will excuse the trouble, I am, with best wishes,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. A. M.,

Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad.

No. 125.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. G. COLVIN, Offg. Agent to the Governor-General,
Rajputana.

Mount Abu, July 17th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

MY DEAR NATHAN,

In the telegram which I am sending you in reply to yours of 15th, I am recommending that the Maharajas of Jodhpur and Kishengarh may be permitted to be present at Ajmer during the stay there of the Prince of Wales, and to pay and receive return visits.

With regard to the Maharaja of Jodhpur, I gather from the phrase "Chiefs in disgrace" in paragraph 2 of your letter of the 15th June 1905, that it has been contemplated that His Highness should not be invited to attend at Ajmer. I have consulted Major Stratton, Resident of the Western Rajputana States, on this question, and I enclose, for the information of His Excellency, an extract from a letter dated the 14th July, which contains his opinion. It will be seen that he is strongly in favour of the Maharaja's being allowed to attend at Ajmer, and I venture to support this recommendation. My reason for doing so is that it was decided by His Excellency in May last that, subject to His Highness's good behaviour in the meanwhile, he should be allowed to return to Jodhpur in November next with limited powers; and I have recently submitted to the Foreign Department a letter reporting that his behaviour has, so far, been excellent. I presume, therefore, that the Maharaja will return to his State in November; and in my opinion it would be a pity to run the risk of discouraging or embittering him, at the very time when he is making a fresh start, by so public and marked a rebuff as would be involved in his exclusion from the reception of His Royal Highness at Ajmer. I earnestly trust, therefore, that His Excellency will be able to see his way to permitting him to attend.

If this is sanctioned, it might be convenient to arrange that His Highness shall return to Jodhpur at the very beginning of November, in order that all public stigma may have been removed from him before he visits the Prince. On this latter point I would, of course, submit my recommendations through the Foreign Department.

As to the Maharaja of Kishengarh, it was proposed in paragraph 3 of your letter of the 15th June, that he with the Chiefs of Dholpur, Jaora and Rutlam should, instead of going to Ajmer, attend with the Cadet Corps at Calcutta in January. The Maharaja is perfectly willing to go to Calcutta with the Cadet Corps; but the Resident has informed me that the feeling in

Kishengarh is strongly in favour of his also attending at Ajmer. Kishengarh is only 14 miles from Ajmer; and it is thought that it would look strange if the Maharaja were to remain at home, and were not to join with his brother Chiefs in welcoming the Prince of Wales, while His Royal Highness was visiting a place so very close to his Capital. It is true that His Highness is still technically a minor; but he will come of age in November next, and has an excellent record, and he is, so far as I can discover from the precedents in my office, entitled to the honour of paying and receiving formal visits. It may be thought that, if Kishengarh is invited to attend, it will be necessary to invite Dholpur also; but this, I think, is not the case. It has not yet been suggested from Dholpur that the Maharaj Rana should go to Ajmer: his State is not near at hand; and his finances are not flourishing. There would, therefore, probably be little difficulty in persuading him of the inadvisability of going to Ajmer as well as to Calcutta.

For these reasons, I venture to recommend that Kishengarh may be allowed to go to Ajmer as well as to Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. G. COLVIN.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Extract from a demi-official letter, dated the 14th July 1905, from Major W. C. R. Stratton, I. A., Resident, Western Rajputana States, to H. Dobbs, Esq., C. I. E., C. S., First Assistant to the Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

In reply to your demi-official letter dated the 5th instant about the Prince of Wales' visit, I am of opinion that the Maharaja of Jodhpur and the Maharao of Sirohi should be invited to Ajmer to pay their respects to His Royal Highness. The Maharawal of Jaisalmer will be at the Mayo College, as the Royal visit occurs in term time.

With regard to Jodhpur, the Viceroy has consented to the Maharaja's return to partial power in the autumn on condition of his continued good behaviour. There is every probability that His Highness will return to Jodhpur before very long, and under the circumstances I think it would be a mistake to regard him now as "in disgrace", or to exclude him from an invitation to Ajmer on that score.

I am of opinion that the Maharaja's absence would have a bad effect in Rajputana generally, in Jodhpur in particular, and on the Maharaja himself personally.

The absence of one of the premier Chiefs of Rajputana would excite comment throughout the Province, while in Marwar the Chief's non-participation in such an event as a Royal visit would be keenly felt as a slur on the State.

As for the Maharaja himself, I feel sure he could not fail to be hurt if he is not asked to attend, and since the Government have decided that he should be trusted so far as to be allowed to resume his "gudee" with certain powers, I think it would be a great pity to let him start at the very outset of his new career with any set-back or rebuff.

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No. 126.

The Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Abu, 18th July 1905, 4-17 p. m. (Recd. 10 p. m.)

Your telegram of 15th July. I propose following Chiefs should be excused:—Kerowlee, Banswara, Partabgarh on account of impoverished finances. Regarding minors, Jaisalmer and Dungarpur will be at the Mayo College during the visit, and should, according to precedents of Viceregal visits to Ajmer in 1890 and 1896, pay and receive informal visits. If this is not thought necessary in order to reduce the number of visits, they should, in my opinion, be presented. For the honour of formal visits and return visits I recommend Kotah, Alwar, Bundi, Tonk, Sirohi, Jhalawar. For the honour of visit, Shahpura, who is not entitled to return visit. I also recommend for formal visits and return visits, if His Excellency approves, Jodhpur and Kishangarh, about both of whom I would ask that letter despatched yesterday may be awaited. Dholpur and Kishangarh will both go to Calcutta, but latter, in view of nearness of his State, is very anxious to attend at Ajmer also. According to Viceregal precedent Tazimi Istimrardars of Ajmer should also be received in a body. I recommend that this be done after visit from Chiefs.

No. 127.

FROM H. H. SIR ANDREW FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.- Governor of Bengal.

Camp, July 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

The letter which I enclose is from the Joint Honorary Secretary of the Executive Committee appointed, at the public meeting held the other day in Calcutta, to arrange about the reception of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. The matter with which it deals is one which rests rather with Government than with the Committee. At the same time I think it expedient to lay their suggestion before His Excellency for consideration. It does seem to me a somewhat attractive proposal, that Their Royal Highnesses upon arriving at Howrah should be at once taken on board a launch and brought down to Prinsep's Ghaut, at the south end of the Maidan. If they could drive from there round the Maidan towards Chowringhee (as far as the Red Road), and thence up to Government House, the public would have a better opportunity of seeing Their Royal Highnesses, who would also perhaps form a better impression of Calcutta, and have a more pleasant drive than if they drove through the streets direct from Howrah. Will you kindly lay the matter before His Excellency for his decision?

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

FROM C. B. BAYLEY, Esq, Joint Honorary Secy, Executive Committee, to W. R. GOURLAY, Esq,
Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, Bengal.

Calcutta, July 17th, 1905.

Royal Reception Fund.

DEAR GOURLAY,

I have been asked to lay the following matter before Sir Andrew Fraser, and, if he approves of the idea, to request him to kindly bring it to the notice of His Excellency the Viceroy :—

Their Royal Highnesses arrive at Howrah on the 29th, and it is assumed that the arrival will be during daylight.

The ordinary route from Howrah across the bridge and *via* The Strand and Fairlie Place gives a very poor impression of Calcutta, and does not lend itself to an impressive procession or to good accommodation for the large crowds who will desire to see the arrival.

It has therefore been suggested that Their Royal Highnesses, on arrival at Howrah, should be conveyed by steamer to Prinsep's Ghaut and drive from there in procession to Government House.

This course would seem to combine the advantages of enabling Their Royal Highnesses to gain their first view of Calcutta from its best aspect, of giving to many thousands the opportunity of seeing the arrival, and finally of lending itself to a far more stately and impressive entry than the ordinary route can afford.

Will you kindly let me know if His Honour approves of the idea and is willing to place it before the Viceroy. Of course it is not known whether this proposal may not have been already considered, and decided one way or the other.

Yours sincerely
(Sd.) C. B. BAYLEY,
Joint Honorary Secretary.

No. 127a.

Extract from letter from H. H. Sir Thirkell White, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor, Burma, to the Viceroy, dated 18th July 1905.

We are examining our accommodation here in view of Their Royal Highnesses' visit; and making preliminary plans. The people here are very loyal and enthusiastic, and will, I think, provide an appropriate and interesting reception and entertainments. The Central Pythah of the Palace has been taken down; with the result that until one is close by the Palace seems to have disappeared. I must see that the re-erection is completed before His Royal Highness comes.

No. 128.

FROM THE HON. MR. A. L. P. TUCKER, C. I. E., Offg. Agent to the Govr.-Genl.,
Baluchistan.

Quetta, July 18th, 1905.

[Confidential.]

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

With reference to your letter of June 26th, enclosing your circular letter of May 30th, I write to say that there are one or two points as to which I venture to make a reference, with a view to the early preparation of the detailed estimates due under paragraph 10 of the Circular.

(i) I understood from a private letter, which Colonel McMahon sent me lately from Simla, that arrangements regarding the loan of His Excellency the Viceroy's carriages would be made for Quetta as in the case of Ajmer, &c. This is a matter of some importance. The Agent to the Governor-General has his own carriage, but that is all. It will be necessary to hire carriages from as far away as Bombay, I fear, if we are left to ourselves.

(ii) It would be an advantage if the number of the suite, including the subordinate staff, maids and valets, and also native attendants, could be known early.

General Smith Dorrien has very kindly said that he can find accommodation for six of the suite. In the Residency, I think that Their Royal Highnesses, Lord and Lady Shaftesbury, Mr. and Lady Dugdale (with two maids), and two unmarried members of the staff, could be entertained. As tents in the bitter weather which may be expected would be out of place, and even dangerous, I think that it will be necessary to build inexpensive temporary quarters for at least four more officers in the Residency grounds close to the house, and also other quarters for the men servants and native attendants and any European subordinate staff that may be attached to Sir Walter Lawrence.

Will all the five attached officers come on to Quetta? The accommodation difficulty would be lessened if some of them did not.

It will be necessary also to connect the Darbar room, which will be used for the reception after dinner on the 13th, with the Residency, by a temporary covered way. I hope that expenditure on this and temporary quarters be admissible within the terms of your circular letter.

(iii) There will be a large gathering of Chiefs and Sirdars at Quetta to meet Their Royal Highnesses. Many of these men are poor and will be put to considerable expense by their journey and stay there. I hope that I shall

be at liberty to include in my estimate a "Mehmani" allotment on this account. No doubt the customary gifts and presents will be otherwise provided and are outside my sphere altogether: but the "Mehmani" is a separate cash matter and that must be my excuse for mentioning it. I should add that I hope to hear from Colonel McMahon by telegram shortly after he reaches England, where he is now almost due, whether he will return for Their Royal Highnesses' visit.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. L. P. TUCKER.

No. 129.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 19th July 1905, 9-10 p. m. (Recd. 20th, 1-45 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of the 15th July. Reception of Chiefs. Replies to our circulars are not yet to hand. Cannot estimate visits and return visits until we know where Chiefs intend to reside at Bombay. All have been warned that return visits impossible unless they secure accommodation near Malabar Point. Regarding presentations, it was not understood that limitations were to be imposed. Present King held special receptions for Chiefs and notables. It was hoped that this might be done on the Saturday evening or the Tuesday morning to prevent all disappointments. Suggest undesirability, politically, of limiting presentations strictly.

No. 130.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Indore, July 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 14th July. I understand that I am to make no communication to any of the Chiefs regarding His Royal Highness' plans until I hear further from you. If I am wrong in this, and there is no objection to my now announcing what is intended, I shall be glad if you will let me know, as it is in some ways a little inconvenient to have to observe silence.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 131.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General
Central India.

Indore, July 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am sorry that there has been a little delay in replying to the suggestion that the Raja of Rutlam and the Nawab of Jaora should go to Calcutta with the Imperial Cadet Corps, who are to be there to escort the Prince of Wales and for the opening of the Victoria Memorial Hall. I only today received the reply of the Raja of Rutlam, who writes as follows:—"I would certainly very much like to be present with the Imperial Cadet Corps in Calcutta, where His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales performs the opening ceremony of the Victoria Memorial Hall in December or January next, as it would be a great honour to me. I sincerely desire to be allowed to have the high privilege and honour of being on the staff and in attendance upon His Royal Highness during the coming tour."

The Nawab of Jaora spoke to me on the subject when he was staying with me last week. He also will be very glad to rejoin the Cadet Corps temporarily. He made a similar suggestion as regards the Prince of Wales' staff, but it was a more modest one. His idea was that he and the Raja of Rutlam might be attached to His Royal Highness as extra Aides-de-Camp during the period of their stay in Calcutta when His Royal Highness was there. The Nawab proposed that they should do duty with the Corps whenever it is engaged in escorting His Royal Highness, but that at other times they should be regarded as on the staff and might perhaps be given some honorary position and duties as extra Aides-de-Camp. It seems to me that this suggestion is not an unreasonable one. The two Chiefs were both Under Officers while with the Corps; Rutlam has been exercising his powers for over two years, and I am about to recommend that Jaora should receive his powers during the approaching cold weather.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 132.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

July 19th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Your letter of 15th July regarding assembly of Imperial Service Troops at Lahore during His Royal Highness's visit.

I have discussed the matter with Colonel Drummond, who tells me that, from information he has, it would appear that the Chiefs of the Punjab States would gladly welcome the chance of showing their Imperial Service Troops to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Such an assembly would appear to them suitable in every way, and the troops will make a very fine force, whilst being of use in guard and escort duties to their own Chiefs.

Lahore will be denuded of troops, the Mian Mir Division being away at the Delhi manœuvres; and the presence of Imperial Service Troops would enable the Mian Mir regiments to take the field in greater strength, for no men need be left for ceremonial guards for His Royal Highness. The Imperial Service Force can be camped most conveniently on the Ichhra Maidan, the ground they occupied, some 3 miles from Lahore, during Lord Elgin's Durbar.

Colonel Drummond will consult the authorities concerned, and, through the Foreign Office, prepare a scheme for the concentration to be laid before His Excellency the Viceroy.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 133.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

July 20th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

At several of the places where the Royal Party make a stay it is in contemplation to ask a party to meet them.

Ought these lists of guests to receive any scrutiny? If so, by Lawrence?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 134.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

July 20th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know what should be done in the way of guards and escorts for the Royal party at—

Amritsar (day visit).

Aligarh, day visit (2 hours).

Benares.

Simla.

Darjeeling.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 135.

Lieut.-Governor of Burma to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Pakokku, 22nd July 1905, 3-27 p. m.

No. 157. I am in communication with General Beatson as to tour programme of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I understand dates given in your demi-official letter of 22nd April are settled, but I have proposed to General Beatson that His Royal Highness should stay at Mandalay over 18th and 19th, making trip on river one day and shooting snipe next day, leaving for Rangoon by train on 20th. I solicit His Excellency's orders, firstly, whether I may officially make public dates of arrival and departure from Burma as communicated to me by General Beatson, and of halts at Rangoon and Mandalay as arranged with him; and, secondly, whether I may finally arrange details of programme in communication with him on assumption that he will submit tour programme for His Excellency's orders.

No. 136.

Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 22nd July 1905, 2-45 p. m. (Recd. 4-40 p. m.)

My telegram of 18th July. Besides Rajputana minor Chiefs mentioned, following Central India minor Chiefs will be at Mayo College during visit: Panna and Holkar, both entitled to return visits from Viceroy; Barwani and Narsinghgarh, entitled to be received in private durbar, but not to return visits. This confirms my view that minors should only be presented.

No. 137.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

P * Telegram, 26th July 1905, 6-15 p. m. (Recd. 27th, 6 a. m.)

The following is from Sir W. Lawrence:—"Your letter dated July 6th. Addresses. Your draft orders approved, but wherever the Princess is, presentation of address should be made jointly to Their Royal Highnesses."

No. 138.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Camp, July 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

* With reference to your letter of 24th instant about His Excellency being asked to subscribe to the expenses of the public reception of Their Royal Highnesses at Calcutta, I write to say that I entirely concur with His Excellency's views.

I have gone further. I have myself been asked (last week) to subscribe. I pointed out that I should have the honour myself of entertaining Their Royal Highnesses, that I understood that it was intended that I should not have the honour of receiving them (as one of the hosts) at the entertainment on the Maidan, and that I am myself to be a guest. I said, therefore, that I thought that I ought not to interfere with the subscriptions for this entertainment or subscribe.

This view seems to have been accepted. I am not afraid of this being *misunderstood*, though, of course, it may be misrepresented. And I know that the feeling is that I should not be a host at that entertainment.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

P. S.—If His Excellency desires, I shall explain his position to the Honorary Secretaries when I reach Calcutta.

A. H. L. F.

No. 139.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Calcutta, July 28th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am much obliged for your careful criticism of Mr. Wutzler's tender for the catering of the Royal Party in the train.

His lump sum of Rs. 65,000 undoubtedly seems preposterous, but I doubt, when everything is taken into consideration, whether it is unduly large.

I send you Messrs. Kellner's tender for the same contract. This amount will have to be increased, as there were two or three omissions in the data they worked on. Mr. Faletti was also asked to tender, but declined on the plea of having too many engagements to allow him to undertake the work.

Considering omissions and allowing for the supply of wine, cigars, &c., Messrs. Kellner's tender would run up to something over Rs. 60,000, or Rs. 90 per head, and in addition we must remember that expansion in numbers or additional meals would at once swell the total. Mr. Wutzler's contract is final up to fifty people, and permits of additional or chance meals.

The usual charge of first class restaurateurs in India when catering for a party of between 70 and 100 people is Rs. 60 to 70 per head for periods of about a week in standing camp, and in addition to this they expect, and generally receive, an honorarium.

In checking Kellner's and Wutzler's contracts it must be borne in mind that the tour lasts for 4 months, and, though only few meals are served, the entire staff of European chef, bakers, confectioners, and Goanese butlers and boys must be maintained at travelling wages for the entire period.

If Wutzler served 50 meals, as he may now be called upon to do, his daily head rate would be Rs. 60.

I am exceedingly loath to trouble His Excellency with these details, but his unequalled experience of the whole question must be my plea for so doing.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 140.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General,
Central India.

Indore, July 29th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 24th July, and for the suggestion to deal somewhat more liberally with the Chiefs of Central India in the matter of the exchange of visits with the Prince of Wales. The suggestion is a very timely one for I think there is certainly a feeling abroad that Central India is being somewhat left out in the cold as compared with Rajputana. I am quite in favour of letting both the Junior Dewas Chief and the Raja of Dhar attend at Agra. The Junior Dewas Raja is a particularly nice fellow, who is now endeavouring to take a proper share in his administration, and it should do him good to bring him forward a little. As to Dhar, Beville is specially anxious that he should be presented to His Royal Highness, and the Raja is also very desirous of this. I think that the honour should undoubtedly be granted to both. I should even be glad, if it were possible, to extend the list a little farther. I enclose a statement of our Chiefs in order of precedence, drawn up in accordance with the Rajputana list received with your letter. The inclusion of Samthar would avoid awkward questions with reference to Charkhari.

I heard only yesterday from Jardine that the Bijawar Chief had written to him on the subject of preparations for the visit to the Prince. Jardine rightly told him that no preparations should be undertaken at present, but he will be keenly disappointed if excluded. On the other hand, if he is included, Ajaigarh must be invited also. He is a very worthy, old-fashioned Chief. I know he rather felt being left out of the Delhi Durbar, and I should be glad if he could be allowed to go to Agra. It would be rather convenient to stop at Bijawar, for the position of Baoni (who comes next) in the matter of return visits is perhaps a little doubtful. I understand that he is meditating a special representation on the subject.

Even with these additions, there would only be ten Chiefs to exchange visits with His Royal Highness. A couple of hours should suffice for their reception by the Prince and, if their camps are conveniently arranged close to each other, return visits ought not to occupy any longer. Sailana, whom you have instructed me to invite to Agra for the purposes of Investiture, might, I think, be separately received by His Royal Highness; but he is not entitled to a return visit.

I take this opportunity to enclose a copy of a memorandum which I received yesterday from the Begum through the Political Agent. I am instructing Pritchard to inform Her Highness that the Prince will receive her at Agra; Pritchard will add, that, as the tour programme of Their Royal Highnesses is settled, it is, I fear, out of the question that they should visit Bhopal.

I suppose we shall hear in due course whether any of the Imperial Service Troops in Central India are to take part in the manœuvres.

I note your instructions in regard to the wish of the Nawab of Jaora and the Raja of Rutlam to be temporarily attached to the Prince's staff. I am causing a suitable communication to be made to Their Highnesses.

I shall be glad to have an early decision on the suggestions in my present letter as I would rather not invite any of the Chiefs from Bundelkhand until I know whether Samthar, Ajaigarh, and Bijawar may be included.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Central India Chiefs.

1. Gwalior	...	...	His Royal Highness will visit his State.
2. Indore	...	...	Minor; will be at the Mayo College when visited by His Royal Highness.
3. Bhopal	...	...	} Will interchange visits with His Royal Highness.
4. Rewa	...	...
5. Orchha	...	...
6. Datia	...	...
7. Dhar	...	...	Minor; recommended for interchange of visits.
8. Dewas Senior Branch	...	...	Minor.
9. Dewas Junior Branch	...	...	} Recommended for exchange of visits.
10. Samthar	...	...
11. Jaora	...	...	} With the Imperial Cadet Corps in Calcutta.
12. Rutlam	...	...
13. Panna	...	...	Minor; will be at the Mayo College when visited by the Prince.
14. Charkhari	...	...	Will exchange visits with His Royal Highness.
15. Ajaigarh	...	...	} Recommended for exchange of visits.
16. Bijawar	...	...
17. Baoni	...	...	} Need not be invited.
18. Chhatarpur	...	...
19. Sitamau	...	...
20. Sailana	...	...	Specially invited in order to receive Insignia of K. C. I. E. from His Royal Highness.

Copy of Memorandum, dated the 27th July 1905, from Her Highness the Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum, G. C. I. E., Ruler of Bhopal, to Major H. C. Pritchard, Political Agent in Bhopal, Sehore.

1. The whole country is at present resounding with echoes of rejoicings at the forthcoming visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and the Princess of Wales. This visit is particularly a matter of great enthusiasm and rejoicing on the part of all faithful and loyal adherents of the British Throne.

2. The programme of the Royal tour is published in the papers, and I find that Their Royal Highnesses will condescend to honour the Gwalior State with their visit and that a grand Review of Military forces will be held in their honour near Delhi.

3. But hitherto no information has reached me as to the place and date for the Loyal Indian Chiefs to have the honour of an audience with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Nor have I been formally informed whether the Imperial Service Troops of my State will be honoured by being allowed to take part in the Review.

4. The Bhopal State adjoins the Gwalior State and my capital lies on the way to Gwalior. Now when Their Royal Highnesses have decided to honour the Gwalior State with their visit, it is only natural and loyal on my part to express my long cherished desire to have the honour of welcoming Their Royal Highnesses to my Capital.

5. I need hardly add that I will consider it the greatest blessing if Their Royal Highnesses will graciously condescend to honour my State with their visit.

6. I earnestly hope that you will kindly forward this memorandum to the Government of India and convey to me their favourable reply.

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN,
Ruler of Bhopal.

No. 141.

Agent to the Govr.-Genl., Rajputana, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Ajmer, 2nd August 1905, 2-25 p. m. (Recd. 3-45 p. m.)

770-C. With reference to correspondence regarding visit of Prince of Wales to Ajmer, kindly inform me whether I now have permission to submit details regarding visit of Chiefs and regarding ceremonial at Ajmer officially through Foreign Department.

No. 142.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Camp, August 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I forward, in original, a letter, dated 31st ultimo, which I have received from

Mr. C. Bayley, Honorary Secretary to the Royal Reception Committee. Will you kindly place it before His Excellency for his consideration and orders?

I shall not trouble you with any further remarks on the proposal that Their Royal Highnesses should be received at Prinsep's Ghât instead of Howrah station. The proposal, it will be observed, was not fully understood by His Excellency when it was before him at the first. It is not intended to have a double reception.

The advantages appear to me to be:—

- (1) the beautiful effect of the river when ships are dressed for the Royal arrival: we should of course also take care to have the river free of smoke by giving a public holiday that day, and asking mill-owners and manufacturers to fall in with our views;
- (2) the pleasant impression of Calcutta which would be made on Their Royal Highnesses by passing through or along the borders of the Maidan and Chowringhee; and
- (3) the facilities which we might afford for an orderly crowd seeing Their Royal Highnesses along that route.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

P. S.—I have kept no copy of Mr. Bayley's letter.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM C. B. BAYLEY, Esq., Joint Honorary Secretary to the Royal Reception Committee, to H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Writers' Buildings, Calcutta, July 31st, 1905.

DEAR SIR ANDREW FRASER,

Your letter of the 26th instant giving cover to Mr. Nathan's letter of the 22nd instant was read and considered at a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 29th instant.

I was unable to shew your letter to General Beatson, but he had received a copy of Mr. Nathan's letter direct and had gone through it with me on Friday morning.

I have now to report the view taken of the matter by the Committee, and it will be simpler to do this by referring, in order, to each of the difficulties mentioned by His Excellency in Mr. Nathan's letter.

Before proceeding to do this it may be noted that the route by which Their Royal Highnesses shall make their entry into Calcutta is not a matter with which the Committee is primarily concerned. The suggestion was brought forward informally, but was so well received by all those to whom it was mentioned that it was thought desirable to bring it to your notice in case you should think fit to place it before His Excellency the Viceroy.

The difficulties enumerated in Mr. Nathan's letter are eight in number, and of these perhaps Nos. 2, 3, and 4 are the most important.

No. 1 points out that His Royal Highness contemplates arriving at Howrah and making the customary entry through the streets. In regard to this the Committee venture to suggest that His Royal Highness might be willing to consider the alternative plan of an arrival at Prinsep's Ghât, more especially as this was the scene of the arrival of his father, the present King, of his uncle, the late Duke of Edinburgh, and of his brother, the late Duke of Clarence.

The Committee of course understand that in these cases the arrival was from the sea, which naturally makes these precedents inapplicable as such, but Prinsep's Ghât may fairly be considered as the historical landing place for Calcutta, and has in the past been the scene of many such arrivals and departures.

No. 2 is perhaps the most important objection, as His Excellency calculates that from Howrah to Government House, *via* Prinsep's Ghât, would take at least an hour and probably $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours as against 20 minutes by the ordinary route. Mr. Nathan also refers to the busy time before His Royal Highness on the day of his arrival and mentions in this connection the presentation of the Municipal address and Jewel. I have ascertained from General Beatson that His Royal Highness will have had a very light day at Lucknow on the 28th December, consisting merely of a drive round cantonments, and that, leaving Lucknow at 2-30 P. M., he will have a quiet time in the train till Howrah is reached at 4 P. M. on the 29th.

As regards the Municipal address and presentation of Jewel, it was thought that, if His Excellency accepted the Prinsep's Ghât idea, these ceremonies would take place at Prinsep's Ghât as was done on previous occasions. On this supposition it seems that the tax on His Royal Highness' time will be minimised, and not increased, even if the time occupied is slightly longer, as there will be no function at Howrah and no function in the Throne Room of Government House, but only the official reception at Prinsep's Ghât and the Municipal functions, which will all form practically one compact ceremony of short duration.

The actual voyage from the Howrah pontoon to the Prinsep's Ghât pontoon would occupy 12 minutes, and from the moment the Prince alighted from the train at Howrah, to the moment when he landed from the steamer at Prinsep's Ghât, the time taken would be between 25 and 30 minutes.

Nos. 3 and 4 are closely connected with No. 2, and the Committee respectfully suggest that the scheme need not entail any of the difficulties mentioned in these two paragraphs. Such objections, if insuperable, would certainly be fatal to any idea of an arrival at Prinsep's Ghât.

It was not intended that horses, carriages, and escorts should be at Howrah at all. Howrah is a separate town from Calcutta. It is under the Commissionership of Burdwan and has its own Magistrate and its own Municipality. The intention was that the Prince and the Princess of Wales and their immediate suite would be brought down in the train close to the Ghât, being received by the Commissioner and the Howrah officials with the necessary guard of honour,—that they would then walk down to the boat and immediately proceed to Prinsep's Ghât.

The luggage and servants would proceed by road and be out of the way altogether.

For the success of this scheme it is essential that the train should arrive within very easy distance of the Howrah pontoon, and an arrival at the ordinary departure platform of the old station fully meets, I think, the necessities of the case. I went over in the ferry boat to Howrah yesterday, and as one emerges from the pontoon gangway on to the road the end of the platform is immediately in front of you, a few yards away across the road. His Royal Highness would therefore have to walk down a short length of platform through the lines of the guard of honour on the road, straight on to the pontoon.

No. 5. If the arrival were at Prinsep's Ghât, every ship on the river would be dressed, the Port Commissioner would arrange the vessels in lines, and Their Royal Highnesses' vessel could be escorted across by numerous and gaily decked launches. They would land under the very guns of the Fort instead of the Royal salute being dimly heard in the distance. The river frontage between the railway line and the water side would be crowded with thousands of Natives, the open space all round Prinsep's Ghât would be filled by spectators, and the Municipal address would be presented in a pavilion or on a dais erected in front of the actual Ghât building. It was thus that Government arranged before, and Captain Petley tells me that the arrangements were splendid and the effect magnificent.

No. 6. The Strand Road between Howrah Bridge and Fairlie Place cannot boast of one good building and is disfigured by the three-storied godowns of the Port Commissioners, by a tramway line in the middle, and by a lot of dirty, dingy little shops and godowns. The decoration of this route to be lavish and artistic would have to be undertaken by Government and by the Port Commissioners.

The suggestion is that instead of decorating an admittedly ugly route that Government and the Port Commissioners should decorate and embellish Prinsep's Ghât and the route thence to Government House.

With every ship in the river dressed and with an approach like Prinsep's Ghât and a drive like the grass road across the Maidan, *viâ* The Dufferin Statue and the Red Road, it would seem beyond doubt that the display and numbers would entirely outvie anything that the ordinary route could produce.

No. 7. All the Indian gentlemen consulted have expressed their strong approval of the scheme, and Rai Raj Kumar Survadhikari Bahadur, Secretary to the Duke of Clarence's Reception Fund and now Secretary to the British Indian Association, is one of its warmest supporters. It may be possible that His Excellency has overlooked the crowds that can line the river foreshore on both sides, and the (to the Indians) very rare effect of a river arrival past gaily dressed ships immediately beneath the roar of the saluting guns to the spot where his father, the present King, landed so many years ago.

With regard to the erection of stands all round the open space by Prinsep's Ghât, Mr. Allen points out that the stands in London for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee celebrations were mostly erected by private speculators, and this is not likely to be the case here. Mr. Allen suggests that Government could erect a stand or stands, to accommodate 300 notabilities, admission to which would be by ticket (I should mention that Mr. Allen was unable to attend the meeting, but has seen the papers and wrote to me on this point). Personally I would venture to suggest that the stand or stands should accommodate 500 or 600 instead of 300, and it might be worth considering whether the Executive Committee might not be invited to erect a stand for all the members of the General Committee who would not find accommodation in the official stands. This latter suggestion has only just occurred to me and has not been put before the Sub-Committee.

With this exception, the above remarks represent generally the views of the Sub-Committee. As the Committee is primarily concerned with the entertainment to be offered to Their Royal Highnesses on the Maidan on the 9th January, they feel diffident about saying that they feel very strongly on the question as to the route of Their Royal Highnesses' arrival. They do, however, in their individual capacity strongly consider that an arrival at Prinsep's Ghât would be historically more significant, would be the occasion of a more splendid and stately spectacle, and would meet with the enthusiastic approval of the public.

The Government would, of course, undertake all the arrangements for the official reception, and would decorate the route, but should Government desire the co-operation of the Committee in any respect, such as organizing the massing of the school children along the route or in any other way, such co-operation would be most gladly given.

In the last paragraph of Mr. Nathan's letter His Excellency the Viceroy was good enough to leave the question open for further representation, and I have endeavoured in this letter to put before you, Sir, the views which the Committee would respectfully submit for your consideration, and if you should think fit, for submission to His Excellency.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. B. BAYLEY,
Joint Honorary Secy.

P. S.—Mr. Nathan's letter is returned herewith.

No. 142a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,

August 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Thank you for your letter of 12th ultimo. I have written to Tucker saying that his proposals are suitable. I have suggested that he should discuss details with Beatson. I hope that Beatson sees all correspondence connected with the tour details. I write him long letters, but I may omit little points.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 143.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

August 2nd, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

In continuation of my letter of this date, I send a letter I have just received from Bayley, giving the Port Commissioners' views.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM F. G. DUMAYNE, Esq., Vice-Chairman, Port Commrs., Calcutta, to C. B. BAYLEY, Esq., Joint Honorary Secretary, Royal Reception Committee.

No. 2830.

August 1st, 1905.

MY DEAR BAYLEY,

Since our conversation with you regarding the proposal that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales should make their entry into Calcutta *via* Prinsep's

Ghât, Petley and I considered what should be done to make the entry an imposing pageant. The river lends itself to very effective decoration, and we are confident that we would have the cordial assistance of the whole shipping community in making the arrangements entirely successful.

As you said it is an easy matter to bring a train alongside the bridge of the embarkation pontoon at the Howrah station. The pontoon belongs to the railway, and they will probably wish to carry out the decorations there.

The Commissioners will have one of their Ferry steamers decorated and fitted with carpets, furniture, &c., in a handsome way for the convenience of the Royal Guests to Prinsep's Ghât. The passage along the river can be lined with native boats gaily decorated with flags. At the approach to Prinsep's Ghât we can have two fountains playing by utilising the steam floats. We could also decorate the landing place at Prinsep's Ghât as far as the railway line on the land side which may be said to be our boundary, from that point the Government or Corporation would probably wish to undertake their own decorations.

We are sure that the entry by river could be made most imposing, and the river we cannot help thinking, as officers interested in it, is the greatest feature of the City of Calcutta, and the native craft we are sure would interest a Sailor Prince.

Please let us know soon what has been decided, as we shall begin at once in elaborating our arrangements, so that they may be made as complete as possible.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) F. G. DUMAYNE.

No. 144.

*Extract from letter from H. H. Sir J. D. LaTouche, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Govr.,
United Provinces, to the Viceroy, dated 2nd August 1905.*

The Talukdars of Oudh, whom I met at Lucknow, have strongly taken up the idea of a Medical College as a memorial of the visit of the Prince of Wales. Both Tasudduk Rasul and Ajuddhiya spoke to me at a meeting of Talukdars to arrange details of the Prince's visit. General Beatson stopped a day with me at Lucknow, and our details are pretty well settled. He is a most satisfactory man to work with.

No. 145.

Brigadier-General Stuart Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Bangalore, 3rd August 1905, 1-56 p. m. (Recd. 6 p. m.)

141 T. C. Have just completed careful inspection of Residency. It would appear that practically nothing has been done in the refurnishing way

for a period of some years. Carpets, curtains, furniture, beds, bedding, mattings, require renewal in Royal apartments. Should suggest that permission be given Resident to take immediate action in the matter. Resident is submitting formal application, but I take upon myself to submit the above information in order that there may be no delay in sanction. Upholstering firms are already full of work, and to have things completed the orders should be placed out at once. I would also strongly urge electric lighting of the house; connection with city lighting only required.

No. 146.

FROM MAHARAJ-KUMAR PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE.

Tagore Castle, Calcutta, August 3rd, 1905.

[Private & Confidential.]

MY DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I take the liberty of writing to you to say that my father has just received a motor car from England. It is a four-cylinder car of 35 Horse-power built by Humber of London. It carries six passengers comfortably. If such a car be required by Their Royal Highnesses or by His Excellency, during the Royal visit, my father will be most happy to place it at their service. We shall be glad to provide an expert *chauffeur*.

We feel it our duty, as loyal subjects, to offer our services in this humble form.

On hearing from you my father will write to you direct and shall request you to place the matter before His Excellency the Viceroy.

I hear that you are coming down to Calcutta shortly; I shall be very pleased indeed to show you the car, and shall take you to Barrackpore, if that be preferable.

You will, no doubt, be interested to hear that we are organizing a huge reception in honour of Their Royal Highnesses. I send you a draft programme of the entertainment for your perusal.

I am maturing a large scheme about performing ancient Indian ceremonies in which our noblemen will be able to participate. As for instance, the *Raj-Chattra* (the Royal canopy) will be borne by four distinguished noblemen who have been recognised as hereditary Maharajas. The Maharajas of Burdwan, Ghidhur, my father, and the Nawab of Dacca will hold the Royal

canopy, under which Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess, the Viceroy, and Lady Curzon will sit. Four Indian ladies will swing peacock feather *Chowries*, from behind the throne. Besides there will be other Maharajas and Indian ladies who will perform different ceremonies as prescribed in our sacred books.

We are arranging to line the whole route from Government House to the Maidan with Zemindars' retainers carrying silver maces, spears, &c.

The pavilion will be in purely Indian style of architecture, and the decorations to be as gorgeous as money can command.

It is, in fact, our best endeavour to organize a reception befitting the occasion such as will, we hope, produce a happy impression upon our Royal guests.

I am exceedingly glad to learn from your telegram to my father that His Excellency's health is improving, and I beg you to kindly convey to him my profound esteem and respects.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

OUTLINE OF PROBABLE PROGRAMME.

I. On behalf of the Reception Committee, will wait on Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Government House, at P. M. At 4 P. M., Their Royal Highnesses will start from Government House and will drive to the place of entertainment on the Maidan *via* the Red Road and the Jail Road. The carriage will stop for a few minutes at the entrance to the "Grass Ride," whilst the schoolboys sing the National Anthem.

II. On the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses at the entrance of the pavilion, the Guard of Honour will present arms. Their Royal Highnesses will be received there by a deputation of the Reception Committee.

The members of the deputation will be presented to Their Royal Highnesses by the Maharaja of Darbhanga, who will then conduct Their Royal Highnesses to the daïs. On arrival at the daïs the massed bands will play the National Anthem. The whole company will remain standing until Their Royal Highnesses have taken their seats.

III. As soon as Their Royal Highnesses reach the daïs, a Bengali rendering of "God Save The King" will be sung by seven musicians, each representing a musical note and dressed in the colour attributed to it by the Indian sages of the classical period.

IV. After Their Royal Highnesses are seated, Pundit will hold before them a gold plate containing a cocoanut, a quantity of paddy, a few blades of grass, a gold coin and flowers, as the national emblems of fertility and plenty, and three Vedic students will bless Their Royal Highnesses in a Vedic *mantra*.

V. Babu Aghore Nath Chuckerbutty will then sing a welcome song in Bengali.

Performance on the Setar by

Performance on the Rudra Vina by

Indian Musical Concert.

Performance on the Jaltaranga by

Performance on the Sarod by

Performance on the Kanun by

Performance on the Nyastaranga by

Baul Song.

Nagar Sankirtan.

Manipore Jatra.

Tibetan Dance.

Indian Quarter Staff play.

Tibetan Ghost Dance.

Fire Walking ceremony.

} In the Arena.

The President of the Committee, the Hon'ble Maharaja of Darbhanga, K. C. I. E., will then offer *attar* (concentrated essence of roses) and *pán* (betel-leaves) to Their Royal Highnesses and Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, and conduct them out of the pavilion to a tent close to the "Jail tank," the western bank of which will be illuminated by the Murshidabad form of illumination (*Bera*).

"Sari" song on the Jail tank.

After refreshments, Their Royal Highnesses will be conducted towards the Dhobi tank, on the eastern side of which there will be a display of fire-works. (See separate list.)

Their Royal Highnesses and Their Excellencies will then be escorted to their carriages, and the entertainment will close.

The July 1905.

(Sd.) P. C. TAGORE,
Joint Honorary Secretary.

No. 147.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent
to the Governor-General, N. W. Frontier Province.

Nathiagali, August 7th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to your demi-official letter of the 30th May 1905, and paragraph 3 of the Finance Department's note therewith enclosed, I am sending an estimate of the expenditure which I consider is likely to be incurred on account of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales' visit to Peshawar, and to ask that this amount may be sanctioned in the form of a lump addition to the sumptuary allowance of the Chief Commissioner.

	Rs.
Catering for 3 days, including lunch at Landi Kotal, State Dinner, and Garden Party	12,000
Cost of transport, carriages, &c., in connection with the visit to Landi Kotal	2,000
Hire of furniture for tents of staff and European servants, Garden Party, and State Dinner, and decorations	1,500
Bands	300
Hire of tum-tums and cooly hire, &c., for luggage and catering establishment	300
Feeding of Native servants attached to Their Royal Highnesses' Suite	500
Expenses in connection with special re-arrangement of rooms in Government House to suit the convenience of Their Royal Highnesses	1,000
Purchase of household and toilet necessities	500
Fuel and lighting	400
Unforeseen expenditure	1,500
TOTAL	20,000

It is impossible to form a more precise estimate so long beforehand of the actual expenditure that is likely to be incurred, but, in the event of this grant being sanctioned, any saving that may be effected will be refunded. You will observe that the single item for catering—Rs. 12,000—accounts for three-fifths of the whole estimate. I have made every effort to reduce this, but the sum quoted above is the lowest tender that has been submitted.

2. The proposed entertainment to be accorded to Their Royal Highnesses during their stay in the North-West Frontier Province is as follows:—

December 2nd Visit to city.

Presentation of joint address in Gor Khatri.

Garden Party in afternoon.

State Dinner.

„ 3rd Church in morning.

In afternoon drive with General of Division
through Cantonments.

Small Dinner.

„ 4th Go to Landi Kotal, returning in the evening.

Private Dinner.

3. Regarding the class of expenditure referred to in paragraph 4 of the Finance Department's note, a special reference has been made to the Government of India in the Foreign Department on the subject, and the settlement of the question is still pending.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER.

P. S.—If the matter is to be dealt with by official correspondence, will you kindly treat this letter as official.

M. F. O'D.

No. 148.

Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, U. P., to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Naini Tal, 8th August 1905, 4-47 p. m. (Recd. 7 p. m.)

Your letter of 3rd. It is understood that Prince will be pleased to receive Nawab of Rampur, Raja of Tehri and about eight leading Talukdars at Lucknow; and Maharaja of Benares, at Benares. His Honour would propose that about eight or ten other leading gentlemen might be selected for the honour of an interview at Agra. Please let me know whether this would be approved, and list will then be sent.

No. 149.

Extract from letter from H. E. The Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, to the Viceroy, dated 10th August 1905.

Idar wishes me to thank you for the honour done him by his appointment to His Royal Highness' suite.

I have considered with Edgerley the desirability of having some of the Rajkot Cadets in the Royal Procession in Bombay. Mayne, the Principal, and all the other authorities think the proposal an excellent one. About 20 boys would come down.

Bhavnagar, Junagadh, and Nawanagar will be in Bombay with part of their Imperial Service troops, and would like to have 50 or 60 men in the Procession.

As it is not to be a High Ceremonial Escort, I fear the general public will think the Procession a dull affair. There were criticisms of dulness at the time of the present King's visit, so for more reasons than one I think the items may be added to the show.

No. 150.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, N.-W. Frontier Province.

Nathiagalli, August 10th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Since my letter of yesterday's date was despatched I have seen Roos-Keppel with reference to the arrangements at Landi Kotal during the visit of Their Royal Highnesses to the Khaibar. From what he tells me the quarters at Landi Kotal, where Their Royal Highnesses will rest and have lunch, are only ordinary white-washed barracks with rough Military Works Department furniture, and it will be necessary to paper the rooms, curtain them, and provide suitable furniture. I regret this was not included in the rough estimate submitted yesterday, and therefore request that an addition of Rs. 2,000 may be made to the estimate on this account.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER.

No. 151.

Maharaj-Kumar Tagore to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, 13th August 1905, 4-4 p. m.

Englishman, 10th, publishes that Native fête 4th January, besides Native fête on Maidan 9th. Royal Reception Committee anxious to learn if this correct. Two entertainments are likely to prejudicially affect our public entertainment on 9th as we settled with General Beatson. Writing.

No. 152.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Rangoon, August 14th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

Requests have been made to me to solicit His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to perform some ceremony of inauguration for the undermentioned buildings, works, &c.

- (1) the new building in Dalhousie Street, Rangoon, of the Young Men's Christian Association,
- (2) a school for Musalmans in Mogul Street, Rangoon,
- (3) the Victoria Memorial Park, Rangoon, and
- (4) a new wharf constructed by the Port Commissioners at the end of Latter Street, Rangoon.

I should be much obliged if His Royal Highness' wishes could be ascertained and communicated to me. I am unable to recommend that any of the requests should be complied with. The programme is sufficiently full already, and it is not desirable that His Royal Highness should be wearied with more ceremonies.

I give a brief account of each of the items mentioned above.

The new building of the Young Men's Christian Association will provide quarters for sixty young men employed in shops and offices and recreation rooms for these and for the out-members. The Society has branches all over the world, and its Belfast branch is said to have been opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. I believe the Society to be doing good work.

The Musalman school is being built by a lady named Mariam Bibi Mahomed Patel who belongs to the Rander Hora section of the Musalmans. The building is to cost Rs. 1,00,000. The Musalman community is generally backward in education and the lady's munificence is well directed.

The Victoria Memorial Park is situated next to Dalhousie Park which contains the Royal Lake and is no doubt remembered by His Excellency the Viceroy. The land was purchased and laid out by public subscriptions aided by Government money in memory of Her late Majesty. The Agri-Horticultural gardens and the Zoological cages have been moved there. This is an undertaking in which all ranks and classes are interested, but no suitable time is free for a ceremony in respect of it.

The Rangoon Port Commissioners are constructing a new wharf for berthing vessels of larger size than the old wharves could accommodate. This is one of a series of works which are in progress or are projected in order to bring the port of Rangoon up to modern requirements. The Chairman (who is also Engineer) is anxious to gain His Royal Highness' presence at some

inauguration, but I am informed demi-officially that the rest of the Port Commissioners are unanimously of opinion that the works are not sufficiently advanced to justify such a request. I agree with the majority.

I shall be glad to have early instructions as to the reply to be given in each case.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. THIRKELL WHITE.

No. 153.

Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Calcutta, 15th August 1905, 3-26 p. m. (Recd. 6-45 p. m.)

Your telegram of yesterday. Have ascertained that Beatson recommended 9th for public entertainment as free day; 2nd is equally free and quite acceptable to Committee. It seems to me preferable. Committee desire only one joint entertainment. This is wise. I understand that no other is contemplated. Mistake in *Englishman* led to Maharaj-Kumar's telegram. He will write fully about arrangements.

No. 153a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Scourie, Sutherland, N. B., August 15th, 1905.

1 MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

4 Your two kind letters of 17th and 20th ultimo
5 have just arrived, and as the India mail leaves this remote place early to-morrow
I reply at once. As regards the official summaries I will—unless His Royal
Highness prefers to dispense with them—be responsible for transmitting them
every week to the Government Printer.

I am hoping to receive some of the addresses before we leave England. I daresay they will be very colourless, the replies equally so, and a sad contrast to the speeches, which I know so well and admire so much.

Wutzler is a grasping Jew, and I wish he were less indispensable. It is very good and hospitable of you to make such generous dispositions at Government House. It will seem to me like usurpation.

I return to London on 11th September.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 154.

FROM H. E. THE LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras.

The Residency, Hyderabad, August 16th, 1905.

DEAR LORD CURZON,

There is a matter in connection with the Royal visit with which I am afraid that I must trouble you personally. I find that in 1875, when His Majesty came to Madras as Prince of Wales, the Governor of Pondicherry was invited to stay in Madras as the guest of Government. He accepted the invitation, came with all his Staff, and was present at all the functions, but I have not yet ascertained where he was lodged or how his entertainment was arranged. The question which I have to ask you is whether you wish this precedent to be followed on the forthcoming occasion. It seems to me to depend to a certain extent on what you propose to do as regards the Governor-General of Goa, and whether you intend to invite the representatives of Foreign Powers to meet Their Royal Highnesses in Calcutta.

I devoutly hope that you will not think it necessary that the French Governor should be invited to Madras, for it would be the greatest possible nuisance. We could not put him up in Government House, but should have to take rooms at an Hotel for him and make special separate arrangements for providing him with servants, carriages and horses, as our own establishment would be fully occupied with the Royal party. He and his Staff would crowd us out at our dinner-parties which, as it is, present a great problem owing to the smallness of our dining-room, and it would be difficult to show him all the attention he would expect.

Added to this there is the difficulty of ascertaining whom to invite. The present Governor of Pondicherry, Mons. François, is officiating, and it is doubtful when the permanent Governor, Mons. Lemaire, will return, if he returns at all.

Of course if Bombay invites Goa we ought to invite Pondicherry, but if you intend to invite both Goa and Pondicherry to Calcutta, it would be unnecessary for us to invite them also.

I fully appreciate the desirability of playing up to the *entente cordiale* so far as it is appropriate and necessary to do so, and that is why I write to enquire whether you have thought of this question and what you wish to be done.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) AMPHILL.

No. 155.

FROM HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COOCH BEHAR, G. C. I. E., C. B.

Darjeeling, August 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 8th of August. It is a matter of great pleasure to us that Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have been graciously pleased to express their desire to honour us by lunching with us during their stay in Calcutta. The 1st of January will suit us admirably.

Will you kindly convey my grateful thanks to His Excellency the Viceroy for the trouble he has taken in the matter?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) NRIPENDRA N. BHUP.

No. 156.

General Beatson to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Ajmer, 17th August 1905, 12-20 p. m. (Recd. 1-45 p. m.)

308-T. C. Your telegram of 16th. After receipt of your letter of 1st August I called upon Kellner and Wutzler to submit final tenders. These are as follows:—Kellner's Rs. 52,000, Wutzler's Rs. 60,000. The other firm tendering is Peliti, who asks Rs. 55,000. I saw Wutzler this morning, and said I was submitting tenders for His Excellency's decision, but he declined to reduce his amount. Peliti's contract is for 32 for 21 days, Kellner's for 36 people, and Wutzler's for 50. He says that reduction to 36 would mean saving of Rs. 3,000. Shall be glad of instructions.

No. 157.

FROM N. G. PRIESTLEY, Esq., Secretary, Railway Board.

Simla, August 17th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

General Beatson has wired that he has orders to take the special correspondents in His Royal Highness' supplementary train following his own.

As this is at variance with the arrangement come to in conversation with Mr. Upcott the other day, he asks me to inform you of the alteration.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) NEVILLE PRIESTLEY.

No. 158.

Lieut.-Governor of Burma to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Rangoon, 18th August 1905, 5 p. m. (Recd. 6-15 p. m.)

Irrawadi Flotilla Company offer to place steamer at disposal of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Princess for their river journey. This will be more convenient than using Government steamer. May I accept?

No. 159.

Lieut.-Governor of Burma to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Rangoon, 18th August 1905, 2-56 p. m. (Recd. 19th, 11-25 a. m.)

633. I understand the Reception Committee propose to make a representation about opening Victoria Memorial Park. Please, therefore, await further communication with reference to my demi-official 568 of 14th instant.

No. 160.

FROM MAHARAJ-KUMAR PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE, Joint Honorary Secretary,
Royal Reception Committee.

Tagore Castle, August 18th, 1905.

MY DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I am much obliged to you for your kind letter of 6th instant. My father is much gratified to hear that our motor-car may be of some service to Their Royal Highnesses on the occasion of their visit to Calcutta. I forgot to tell you in my letter that the car is a landaulette, and the seats are very comfortable. I shall take a photograph, and will send you a copy, as soon as possible, for submission to His Excellency.

I telegraphed to you on the 13th, enquiring whether there was any truth in the report, published in the *Englishman*, that there will be two Royal entertainments, one on the Maidan and the other in some other place. I trust the report is without foundation. The general feeling is that if a separate "Native" entertainment be allowed, it would injuriously affect the public entertainment on the Maidan.

The date for the Royal Reception on the Maidan, namely, the 9th of January, was provisionally fixed in consultation with General Beatson. The General, I suppose, has not yet reached Simla, and that is the reason, I believe, why the date has not been communicated to the Government of India. I waited on His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on Tuesday last, and he said that the 2nd of January would be preferable. This date would equally suit the Committee.

I am sending you a revised programme of the public entertainment, and would draw your attention to paragraph 6. You will please see that it is proposed that three hereditary Maharajas and one hereditary Nawab should take their stand at the four corners of the Royal-Canopy. The Royal-Canopy corresponds to the *Rajchatra*, or Royal umbrella, in ancient India. The Canopy-holders will, therefore, virtually be the *Rajchatradharis* according to ancient and Mahomedan usage.

Kindly submit this revised programme to His Excellency with my profound respects, and let me know whether he approves of it. I may mention that I told His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that I was sending it to you.

With kindest regards,

I remain, &c.,

(Sd.) PRODYAT COOMAR TAGORE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Outline of Probable Programme.

On behalf of the Reception Committee, the Honorary Secretaries will wait on Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Government House, at P. M. At 4 P. M. Their Royal Highnesses will start from Government House and will drive to the place of entertainment on the Maidan *via* the Red Road and the Jail Road. The carriage will stop for a few minutes at the entrance to the "Grass Ride," whilst the schoolboys sing the National Anthem.

2. On the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses at the entrance of the pavilion, the Guard of Honour will present arms. Their Royal Highnesses will be received there by a deputation of the Reception Committee consisting of the following gentlemen :—

(*Here put in the names.*)

The members of the deputation will be presented to Their Royal Highnesses by the President of the Royal Reception Committee. A procession will then be formed of Indian ladies, four of whom will carry four *Purna Kumbha*, or gold vessels filled with water, mango leaves and small cocoanuts, emblematic of National welcome, and two girls carrying silver baskets filled with flowers of the season and scattering them before the Prince and Princess.

3. Their Royal Highnesses will then be conducted to the daïs.

4. On arrival at the daïs the massed bands will play the National Anthem. The whole company will remain standing until Their Royal Highnesses have taken their seats.

5. Four Indian ladies will then take their stand behind Their Royal Highnesses, with peacock feathers in their hands.

6. The following four noblemen, namely, the Maharaja-Dhiraj Bahadur of Burdwan, the Maharaja Bahadur Tagore, K. C. S. I., The Maharaja Bahadur of Gidhour, K. C. I. E., and the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca will take their stand on the daïs at the four corners of the Royal-Canopy, as *Rajchatradharis*, or Royal Canopy-holders.

7. The National Anthem in Bengali "God Save The King" will be sung by seven musicians, each representing a musical note and dressed in the colour attributed to it by the Indian Sages of the Classical period.

8. Four Indian ladies, representing four seasons, namely, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring, will sing in chorus the following Bengali song of welcome :—

9. The Maharaja of Dinajpore will hold before Their Royal Highnesses a gold basin containing rose water. The Maharaja of Nattor will offer garlands of white flowers to Their Royal Highnesses, His Excellency the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fraser. The Maharaja of Susang will then present *Chundan* (white sandal) scented with saffron, musk, and *Agar* (a kind of fragrant wood produced in the Garo Hills and generally used in Hindu worship) in a jewelled cup.

10. The Mahant Maharaj of the Tarkessur Shrine will hold before Their Royal Highnesses a gold plate containing a cocoanut, a quantity of paddy, a few blades of grass a gold coin and flowers, as National emblems of fertility and plenty, and three Vedic students will bless Their Royal Highnesses in Vedic Mantra. Three Shams-ul-Ulamas will recite a *Kasidah* specially composed for the occasion.

11. Babu Aghore Chunder Chuckerbutty will then sing a *Khyal* song in Hindustani.

12. Babu Lal Chand Bural will sing a Jyadeva song.

13. Performance on the Setar by

14. Performance on the Rudra Vina by

15. Indian Musical Concert.

16. Performance on the Sarod by

17. Performance on the Nyastaranga by

18. Manipore Jatra ...

19. Baul Song ...

20. Nagara Sankirtan ...

21. Tibetan Lama Dance ...

22. Tibetan Ghost Dance ...

23. Tibetan War Dance ...

24. Indian Quarter Staff Play ...

25. Santali Dance ...

26. Fire walking ceremony ...

} in the Arena.

A full description may be found in the *Pioneer*, 9th December 1898.

27. The President of the Royal Reception Committee, the Hon'ble Maharaja of Darbhanga, K. C. I. E., will then offer *Attar* (concentrated essence of roses) and *Pan* (betel-leaves) to Their Royal Highnesses, Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, and His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fraser, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. The Hon'ble Prince Syed Wasif Ali Mirza Bahadur of Murshidabad will place the *Imam Zamin* on the arms of Their Royal Highnesses according to the sacred ancient custom of Mahomedans.

28. The President of the Royal Reception Committee accompanied by the four Royal Canopy-holders, the Ruling Indian Princes, and the President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce will conduct Their Royal Highnesses out of the pavilion to a tent close to the tank, the western bank of which will be illuminated by the Murshidabad form of illumination (Bera).

29. "Sari" song on the illuminated tank.

30. Their Royal Highnesses will then adjourn to the Royal refreshment Pavilion. After refreshments Their Royal Highnesses will be conducted towards the eastern side of the Royal Entertainment Pavilion, where there will be a display of fire-works. (See separate list.)

31. Their Royal Highnesses and Their Excellencies will then be escorted by the members of the Royal Reception Committee to their carriages.

(Sd) P. TAGORE,

Joint Hony. Secy., Royal Reception Fund.

No. 161.

FROM J. DOUGLAS, Esq., Agent, E. I. Railway.

Calcutta, August 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

As I gathered from my conversation with you at Simla that the Viceroy was interesting himself in the matter of the railway arrangements for the Press correspondents who will accompany the Prince in his tour, I am bothering you with the enclosed.

The idea at the Railway Conference was that I should send the passes for the English correspondents to the Press Association in England.

I should perhaps mention that the Conference has authorised me to issue as President of the Association a single pass to each correspondent that will cover the whole tour. This was a suggestion of mine to prevent correspondents being bothered with separate passes for each line concerned.

As regards the English correspondents I think Olivier's suggestion a good one, but I have thought it well before finally deciding to put the matter to you in case His Excellency might by chance have any wishes on the subject.

I propose the form of pass to be something out of the common: something artistic if I can discover any artistic instinct around.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. DOUGLAS.

P. S.--With regard to Olivier's *P. S.*, I suppose I shall be informed in due course of what the arrangements are, and that a list of names will be sent to me to admit of the issue of the passes. Any pass would not include the Darjeeling Railway, as it is not a member of our Association, but I propose trying to get that line to agree to the pass as a special case.

J. D.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM COLONEL H. D. OLIVIER, B. E. E., Agent, B. B. & C. I. Railway, to J. DOUGLAS, Esq., Agent,
E. I. Railway.

Bombay, August 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR DOUGLAS,

You will remember that, when at Simla, we settled that you should arrange about the passes for the newspaper correspondents. I have no wish to interfere with your prerogatives, but it has struck me that as the Prince commences his tour on my line and starts from my station, it might be convenient if intending correspondents were told to call at my office for their tickets and for any information. It would be well to get the latter out in a sort of pamphlet form, would it not? I am running two specials over the metre-gauge portion of my system, one the Royal train and another which will precede, will consist of dhobies, correspondents, and luggage, and will be provided with a dining-car for the correspondents. It will save time if this were explained in print. I suppose you will take in hand the design of the general pass. Dring, as you may remember, told us what had occurred in America in this matter, and no doubt you will be able to get it nicely done in Calcutta. I would suggest that the passes, &c., might be sent to me for distribution from my head office. What do you think?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. D. OLIVIER.

P. S.—I have just heard that a wire from Foreign Office, Whitehall, has limited *all* correspondents to twelve, seven from home and five out here. This may alter the complexion of affairs.

H. D. O.

No. 162.

General Beatson to Private Secy. to the Viceroy.

Telegram, Ajmer, 21st August 1905, 2-23 p. m. (Recd. 5-45 p. m.)

334-T.C. Regret that His Excellency should have been caused a moment's trouble by misapplication of word "orders" in my telegram to Secretary, Railway Board. I have received no orders, and am acting in direction His Excellency has indicated for convenience of correspondents.

No. 163.

FROM SURGEON-GENERAL G. BOMFORD, C. I. E., I. M. S., Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

August 21st, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

I should have suggested letting the Civil Surgeon of Agra have charge, giving him special instructions if necessary. I don't think that any other Civil Surgeon would be more suitable than Birdwood. If you think it necessary to specially depute somebody for the purpose, I would suggest *Heard* (Major R. Heard). He is joint Civil Surgeon of Simla, but could easily be spared from here for a few days in the winter.

If this latter arrangement is adopted, Heard should be warned and told the date when he will be required, so that he may not take leave or let his colleague go on leave, as is the custom with Civil Surgeons in winter.

Another very suitable man who might be deputed is *Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Tate*, R. A. M. C., Staff Surgeon, Army Head-Quarters.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) G. BOMFORD.

No. 164.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.

Government House, Rangoon, August 22nd, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

With reference to your telegram authorising the acceptance of the offer of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company to place a steamer at the disposal of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales,

I write to say that the Company propose to make all arrangements for the accommodation of Their Royal Highnesses during the journey from Mandalay to Prome, including the arrangements for messing. I presume there is no objection to this ; the same arrangement was made on the occasion of the visit of Prince Albert Victor in 1889. It will save a good deal of trouble to all concerned, and the Company may be trusted to make quite suitable arrangements. I shall myself see the proposed arrangements on the steamer, which will be the latest addition to the Company's fleet ; and I shall ask General Beatson, who proposes to visit Burma next month, to see the Manager of the Company so as to make sure that everything is in order.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

No. 165.

General Beatson, Jodhpore, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, 23rd August 1905, 12-9 p. m. (Recd. 2-40 p. m.)

369-T. C. Shall be grateful if you can let me have instructions for train catering contract firms. Anxious for reply to complete arrangements.

No. 166.

Lieut.-Governor of Bengal to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Ranchi, 25th August 1905, 6-32 a. m. (Recd. 10 a. m.)

Yes, 2nd January may be fixed for fête on maidan and holiday.

No. 167.

Lieutenant-Governor of Burma to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Rangoon, 25th August 1905, 5-45 p. m. (Recd. 8-30 p. m.)

214. Your telegram of 19th August. Irrawadi Flotilla Company propose that Their Royal Highnesses and party should be guests of the Company during river journey, that is, that Company should make all arrangements for food and accommodation. This was made on the occasion of visit of Prince Albert Victor. I trust this also may be accepted.

No. 168.

FROM F. R. UPCOTT, Esq., C. S. I., Chairman, Railway Board.

Simla, August 25th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I return the letters from Douglas and Olivier. I think the best course would be for Conference passes for the English Press to be issued by Olivier in Bombay and those for Indian correspondents to be applied for and issued by Douglas in Calcutta.

The powers of the Railway Board are not extended to the issue of passes except over State lines. We propose to ask for these powers of the Finance Department. I do not anticipate any objection from any other Government Department.

At our request the Railway Conference agreed that their President (Douglas) should issue passes on behalf of *all* Railways, limiting the numbers to 12 for English, 12 for Anglo-Indian, and 12 for the Indian correspondents, and that the respective Railways would make their arrangements to see that accommodation was arranged and their comfort looked after. Under these circumstances I think the course I suggest would be preferable.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) F. R. UPCOTT.

No. 169.

FROM J. H. DUBOULAY, Esq., Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay.

August 25th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

In a postscript to a private letter, dated 22nd May 1905, from Lord Lamington to the Viceroy, he referred to a request from the Vice-Chancellor that His Royal Highness would accept an address from the Bombay University—as His Majesty did during his visit to India as Prince of Wales.

Mackichan is pressing to know what the decision is, and Lord Lamington would be greatly obliged if you could, with His Excellency the Viceroy's permission, let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. H. DUBOULAY.

No. 170.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. J. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Govt. House, Rangoon, August 25th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

Referring to my telegram No. 633, dated 18th August 1905, I have now received a communication from the Administrators of the Victoria Memorial Park, a copy of which I enclose. Both the Administrators and the Rangoon Reception Committee are anxious that the Prince of Wales should be asked to open the Memorial Park. If His Royal Highness would consent to do so, the most convenient plan probably would be to have the ceremony on the afternoon of Saturday, 13th. Although it is the day of his arrival, it is thought that the ceremony would be of a simple character and would not involve much fatigue. If His Royal Highness consents, the question whether the opening should be on the 13th or 15th can, however, be decided later. Such an occasion would give a great many of the general public an opportunity they would not otherwise have of shewing their loyalty and of witnessing a ceremony at which His Royal Highness would preside. If His Excellency the Viceroy is pleased to approve, I should be glad if the proposal could be submitted to His Royal Highness for his consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM M. LAURIE, Esq., Hony. Secy., Victoria Memorial Park Fund, Rangoon, to
F. C. GATES, Esq., Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Burma, Rangoon.

No. 130/XIII-23, dated Rangoon, August 18th, 1905.

SIR,

I am directed by the Hon'ble Mr. Harvey Adamson, the Chairman of the Administrators of the Victoria Memorial Park Fund, to report that the works in connection with the Victoria Memorial Park have now reached a stage at which an inauguration would be appropriate.

2. The Administrators venture to represent that the Park is of peculiar public value and interest as being a Memorial of Her Gracious Majesty the late Queen Victoria, and they are, therefore, respectfully desirous that the inauguration should be signalized by a mark of special favour. I am directed, therefore, to solicit the aid of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in bringing this representation to the notice of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in anticipation of His Royal Highness' approaching visit to Burma.

3. The general Committee elected to arrange for the Public Reception of Their Royal Highnesses in Rangoon have been communicated with. They consider that the inauguration is one of more than local or civil interest, and have concurred in a suggestion made to them by the Administrators that His Royal Highness should be asked to open the Victoria Memorial Park.

4. I am directed, therefore, to submit the recommendations of these bodies for His Honour's information and for such action as he may deem advisable; and to express a respectful hope that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales may be graciously pleased to grant the prayer of the Committee and the Administrators.

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) M. LAURIE.

No. 171.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Bikanir, 26th August 1905, 9 a. m. (Recd. 3-30 p. m.)

433-T. C. Private Secretary, Bengal, writes he understands that the idea of snipe shoot at Calcutta has been abandoned. Kindly let me know if this is the case. I have received no information.

No. 172.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Bikanir, 27th August 1905, 10-35 a. m.

441-T. C. Wutzler wires :—

Begins. Very sorry cannot reduce my tender below Rs. 60,000. Please decide soon. Other States offer catering, cannot decide till hear finally from you; must also wire London. *Ends.*

Have replied :—

Begins. As you cannot accept tender at Rs. 50,000, am under instructions negotiating with another firm. *Ends.*

I should like sanction arrange contract with Kellner, who, I believe, would do it better than any other firm owing their knowledge railway details, staff of servants. French *chef* and English Steward they would bring from England. Shall be grateful for early instructions.

No. 173.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Kuchaman Road, 28th August 1905, 7-20 a. m. (Recd. 11-5 a. m.)

456-T. C. Wutzler wires :—

Begins. I will meet you half-way and accept Rs 55,000. *Ends.*

I shall be glad if His Excellency will sanction my accepting this offer. I do not think other firms would be appreciably lower, and Wutzler's experience is very valuable. Please reply urgent Jaipur.

No. 174.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, c. s. i., c. i. e., Agent to the Govr.-General,
Central India.

August 30th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I do not know whether there is now any possibility of changes being made in the details of the tour of the Prince and Princess

of Wales ; but I think that I ought to let you know that the Begum apparently feels very deeply the fact that Their Royal Highnesses will not pay her a visit at Bhopal. She recently said to the Political Agent—" I am the only woman ruler in India, and it is a difficult thing for me to travel, but easy for male Chiefs." The fact that Their Royal Highnesses will go to Gwalior has evidently made her rather envious, for she also observed to the Political Agent—" We were loyal and helped you when Scindia was against you, but that is all forgotten now." Her allusion was to Goddard's march in 1778.

If it were in any way practicable for Their Royal Highnesses to run down to Bhopal for a day, there is no doubt that the visit would be very highly appreciated, and I must say that Her Highness appears to be deserving of consideration for the zeal and energy which she is displaying in her administration.

I hope that it will, in any case, be possible to give the Bhopal Imperial Service Lancers an opportunity of appearing before the Prince of Wales. I have not been told whether it is contemplated that any of the Imperial Service Troops in Central India should take part in the military manœuvres which His Royal Highness will see ; but the Begum appears to have heard from some source or other that the Victoria Lancers will not be called out. She has, therefore, suggested that the whole regiment should go to Agra at the time that she is there for the exchange of visits with the Prince, and that His Royal Highness should then be moved to have a look at the Corps. Perhaps she might be permitted to take one squadron at any rate to Agra, if the regiment will have no opportunity of being inspected by His Royal Highness elsewhere.

I shall reach Bhopal on the 14th September and should be grateful if you could let me have a reply before that date.

It may interest the Viceroy to know that Her Highness will be celebrating on the 15th September the marriage of her youngest son Hamid-ullah Khan. The ceremony is actually to be performed at Peshawar on the 6th September, but the local celebration will be on the 15th. Perhaps His Excellency would be pleased to send the Begum a message of congratulation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

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No. 175.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
September 7th, 1905.*

MY DEAR LORD CURZON,

Your telegram about Rajputana is very sad, as I know Their Royal Highnesses would have enjoyed their visit to the Chiefs. I still hope that Udaipur will be possible. I am making no suggestions till your "matured advice," promised on 16th instant, arrives. I have been thinking over alternatives—

1. From Bombay to go by ship or by train to Karachi—do Quetta, have a day's duck shooting and then Lahore, on original date—28th November.

2. From Bombay to go to Indore, perhaps Udaipur or to Bhopal, thence to Lahore arriving 28th November.

But I will make no suggestions till your advice comes. I have no news by this mail. Your leaving India has taken all heart out of the work, but I will do my best to justify your choice of me.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 175a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
September 7th, 1905.*

MY DEAR NATHAN,

His Royal Highness will be pleased to unveil the statue of Her late Majesty the Queen-Empress at Agra. Will you kindly

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inform the Honorary Secretary of the Memorial Fund? According to the programme the ceremony will take place at 4 p. m. on December 18th.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 175b.

FROM H. G. S. TYLER, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor of United Provinces.

*Government House, Naini Tal,
September 11th, 1905.*

MY DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to your letter of the 30th May, I am desired to send you the accompanying note containing an estimate of the expenditure anticipated in connection with the approaching visit of Their Royal Highnesses prepared on the lines indicated in the note of the Finance Department which you sent to me.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

I.—COST OF ACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for 7 days; viz.,—

from 16th to 19th December at Agra, and
from 26th to 28th December at Lucknow.

It is proposed to give at Agra two small dinner parties of about 30 each, and an after dinner reception, to which about 150 guests are expected.

At Lucknow it is proposed to give one small dinner party, and a State dinner (men only) to about 90 people, followed by a reception to which about 250 are expected.

The probable grant required is estimated at Rs. 7,000 as follows :—

Cost of entertaining 53 people for 4 days at Rs. 10 each per diem	Rs.
at Agra	2,120
Cost of entertaining 52 people for 3 days at Lucknow at Rs. 10	
each	1,560
State dinner at Lucknow	1,800
Other dinner parties and receptions	1,520
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	7,000
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NOTE—No account is here taken of the possible return of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales to Agra during the Prince's trip to Nepal, as it is not yet known whether the Princess will return, and if she does how long she will remain at Agra, and whether she will then be the guest of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

II.—EXPENDITURE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH FURNITURE, TABLE EQUIPMENT, &C.

At Agra Their Royal Highnesses will occupy the Circuit House which is not large enough to accommodate more than three other people. At Lucknow Government House can accommodate in addition to the Prince and Princess of Wales only the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Digges LaTouche, one lady in waiting and her husband, and one or two maids and valets. Thus provision has to be found in tents at Agra for 18 of Their Royal Highnesses' suite, 18 of His Honour's party and 20 European servants and office hands, and at Lucknow for 17 of Their Royal Highnesses' suite, 15 of His Honour's party and 20 European servants and office hands. It will thus be seen that the ordinary supply of furniture, crockery, glass, &c., available whether at the Circuit House at Agra or Government House, Lucknow, is quite inadequate to meet the requirements. At Lucknow our sanctioned supply is calculated for a house party of 15, dinner party of 30, and ball party of 150, whereas provision will have to be made for a house party of at least 40, and for dining at least 70, apart from the European servants and office hands. At Agra again the Circuit house only has glass and crockery, &c., sufficient for 12.

It has consequently been found necessary to make a considerable amount of fresh purchases ; but it should be understood that the furniture for which provision has been made in the estimates is for furnishing camps, and not Government Houses.

A detailed estimate of the expenditure anticipated under this second class is attached.

III.—ILLUMINATIONS—STREET DECORATIONS, &C.

This matter is to be left almost entirely to (i) private enterprise, (ii) Municipal bodies—Government will only spend money on Government buildings. Commissioner, Benares, has asked for Rs. 1,000, and 1,500 will be allotted for Lucknow, where there will be illuminations on two nights, and there are many public buildings to be illuminated. There is nothing to be done at Agra in the way of illuminations ; Their Royal Highnesses will not be going out there at night. At Lucknow, Commissioner will also require an allotment to cover expenditure in connection with Mutiny veterans called in to be present at the Residency : probably about Rs. 1 500 will meet the requirements.

The total estimated expenditure thus comes to—

				Rs.
I.—Cost of actual entertainment	...	...	...	7,000
II.—Expenditure in connection with furniture, &c.				
				Rs.
Lucknow	20,000	
Agra	29,000	
			<hr/>	...
				49,000
III.—Illuminations, &c.				
				Rs.
Lucknow	3,000	
Benares	1,000	
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				4,000
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			Total	...
				60,000
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EXPENDITURE UNDER CLASS II.

Lucknow.

Tents—

				Rs.	Rs.
6 single pole, 893	5,358	
4 Swiss cottage, 450	1,800	
5 stable tents, 240	...	...	...	1,200	
				<hr/>	8,360

Furniture—

14 occasional tables	...	...	...	250	
12 drawing room chairs	...	...	...	275	
12 smoking room chairs	...	...	...	72	
4 couches	...	...	...	320	
8 easy chairs	...	...	...	220	
				<hr/>	1,140
Oil for stoves and lamps	...	...	...	...	300
Extra requirements to bring Lucknow crockery and glass up to standard	...	...	...	...	500
Extra requirements of glass crockery for banquet and decorating rooms, etc.	...	...	...	...	1,500
			Carried over	...	<hr/>
					11,800

				Rs.
	Brought forward	...		11,800
<i>Lucknow Camp—</i>				
			Rs.	
Labour, lighting—latrines—bhists	...	...	500	
300 Lamps and posts	...	...	1,500	
Latrines	...	...	100	
Shops	...	...	250	
Uniforms	...	...	400	
Preparing road to stables and brick platforms to wash				
carriages	...	...	450	
Pitching and striking tents: extra khalasis, &c.	...	...	1,000	
Gardening	...	...	1,000	
			5,200	
Railway freight	...	...	3,000	
			3,000	
			20,000	
	<i>Agra.</i>			
<i>Furniture—</i>				
Agra—beds	...	...	330	
20 occasional tables	...	...	310	
18 drawing room chairs, small	...	...	450	
8 couches for reception tent	...	...	680	
4 whist tables	...	...	128	
12 smoking room chairs	...	...	72	
			1,970	
<i>Furniture for Fatehpur Sikri—</i>				
30 chairs	...	...	180	
Dining table	...	...	160	
2 dressing tables	...	...	80	
2 washhandstands	...	...	80	
4 cane-reading chairs	...	...	80	
2 commodes	...	...	30	
			610	
<i>Lamps, &c.—</i>				
80 table lamps	...	...	800	
106 hurricane lanterns	...	...	380	
14 reading lamps	...	...	170	
			1,350	
	Carried over	...		

Lamps, &c.,—contd.

				Rs.
	Brought forward	...	...	1,350
8 candle sticks ...	...	...	...	50
6 wall lamps ...	...	...	...	40
Spare globes and chimneys	...	...	...	50
60 oil stoves ...	...	...	...	2,100
6 water heaters ...	...	...	...	270
Oil for stoves 250 } and lamps 150 }	...	...	...	400
				Rs. 4,260
Plate and cutlery	...	...	...	1,200

Glass and crockery—

His Honour's party and His Royal Highness' staff at				
Agra ...	...	...	...	1,630
His Royal Highness' use at Agra	...	...	...	1,380
Bedding for all Their Royal Highness' suite	...	...	...	1,750
Rickshaws ...	...	...	...	350

Agra Camp—

Labour—lighting, sweepers, bhistis	...	...	...	500
300 lamps ...	...	...	...	1,500
6 incandescent lamps	...	...	...	1,500
Materials for latrines	...	...	...	600
Shops ...	...	...	...	250
Uniforms ...	...	...	...	400
				4,750
Expenses in connection with pitching and striking				
Camp—(Ordnance Department) ...	...	...	...	1,500
Making new roads, levelling ground near Circuit House,				
gardening, plants, preparation of Camp, &c.	...	...	...	6,600
Railway freight ...	...	...	...	3,000
				29,000

No. 175c.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Govt. House, Maymyo, September 12th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I have been approached by a worthy Mohamedan of Rangoon, the Consul for Turkey, with the enquiry whether Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales would receive the principal *pardah-nashin*

Mohamedan ladies during her stay in Rangoon. I do not like to refuse the request or suggestion of my own authority. But I do not wish to support it. The Mohamedans of Rangoon are quite respectable traders but not of any exceptional eminence. Many of their wives are either Burmese converted to Islam or Zerbádis, that is, women of mixed Mohamedan and Burmese descent. I doubt if there are many Mohamedan ladies in Rangoon of sufficient social standing to justify their presentation to Her Royal Highness at a special interview.

If His Excellency the Viceroy approves, I propose to tell the Consul that Her Royal Highness' engagements will not permit her to accede to his request. I think Her Royal Highness will be fully occupied during her stay in Rangoon; and that the suggested interview would not be of any great interest to her.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

No. 176.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. M. F. O'DWYER, Offg. Chief Commissioner and Agent to the
Govr.-Genl., N.-W. Frontier Province.

Nathiagali, September 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

May I invite your attention to my demi-official letter of the 7th August in which I asked that sanction might be given to a grant of Rs. 20,000 as a lump addition to the sumptuary allowance of the Chief Commissioner, being the estimated expenditure which is likely to be incurred on account of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales' visit to Peshawar.

As it is necessary to conclude an agreement with the caterer and to commence improvements and preparations immediately, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me have an early answer (by telegram if possible) in order that definite arrangements may be made.

Your sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER.

No. 177.

FROM W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secretary to Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

September 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

As Bayley says in his telegram (enclosed) this is not a matter for him at all, His Honour, therefore, bids me send the enclosed papers to enquire whether this meets with the approval of His Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. GOURLAY.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM C. B. BAYLEY, Esq., to W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Writers' Buildings, September 11th, 1905.

DEAR GOURLAY,

I enclose copy of a telegram I have received from General Beatson together with a copy of my reply. I am not giving any public intimation to the Committee or otherwise of the acceptance of the Prinsep's Ghat scheme. General Beatson probably thought that the Municipality and Reception Committee would run the arrival arrangements jointly, and I think my answer will have made the position clear, and I hope that H. H. will approve of it.

Working it out by *Local* time it would be something like this :—

Arrive Howrah	...	...	...	...	3-39 p. m.
Arrive Prinsep's Ghat	...	...	...	...	4-10 „
Enter carriage	...	...	...	...	4-30 „
Arrive Government House	...	...	...	...	4-50 „
Sun sets	...	...	...	...	5-19 „

This seems to leave ample margin before dark.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. B. BAYLEY.

Tourist, India, to Secretary, Reception Committee, Calcutta.

Telegram, Chota Simla, 9th September 1905.

312-T. Have arranged Royal train shall arrive Howrah 3-30 standard time. Please let me know if this will enable Prinsep's Ghat arrival. Municipal address and Jewel presentation to be carried out as you wish in good time. If you wish earlier arrival Howrah, I will arrange it.

C. B. Bayley, Esq., to Tourist, India.
Telegram, 11th September 1905.

Your 312-T. Royal arrival will be State function managed by Government. I have consulted Allen, who thinks whole ceremony Prinsep's Ghat, including address, reply, presentations and introductions occupy twenty minutes. Allen also agrees that as sun sets 4-55 standard time, train had better arrive 3-15 standard time, instead of 3-30.

No. 178.

Private Secretary to Lieut.-Governor, Burma, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.
Telegram, Maymyo, 14th September 1905, 2-14 p. m.

227. Your letter of 30th May about estimate expense of Royal tour. To whom should estimates be submitted?

No. 179.

Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana to Foreign Secretary.
Telegram, Bundi, 15th September 1905.

Your 3745. Rainfall has greatly improved situation, but Ajmer, Jaipur and Bhurtpur not safe yet. Another heavy fall will remove apprehension of severe famine in these places also. In my opinion Prince's visit to Rajputana should now be feasible, though some modification in programme may be necessary hereafter.

No. 180.

FROM S. M. FRASER, Esq., C.I.E., Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

September 15th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Forwarded for information.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) S. M. FRASER.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

From the Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Foreign Secretary.
Telegram, Deoli, 14th September 1905.

Demi-official. My demi-official letters dated August 31st and September 9th. The Maharaja of Bikanir reports that there has been unprecedented rain over greater part of Bikanir, and no doubt the position there now wears an entirely different complexion. In Udaipur also situation is much improved. I hope under the altered circumstances the entire

visit to Rajputana will not be abandoned just yet. Will give my views fully when detailed reports as to effect of recent rainfall are received. Situation by no means clear yet; 20,000 persons were on relief before rain fell, and recent rainfall has been very unequal.

No. 181.

FROM A. R. JELF, Esq., Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab.

Barnes Court, Simla, September 16th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Please refer to my letter of the 14th July about the visits of the Punjab Chiefs to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

It is strongly recommended that the Regent of Maler Kotla, as representing the State of his father, the Nawab, should be allowed to visit His Royal Highness, an honour to which, but for unsoundness of mind, his father would have been entitled.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. R. JELF.

No. 182.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 18th September 1905, 3-40 p. m. (Recd. 19th, 6 a. m.)

Private. Following from Sir W. R. Lawrence :—Nathan's letter of 21st August. Prince will open Victoria Memorial Park, Rangoon.

No. 183.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 18th September 1905, 8-50 p. m. (Recd. 19th, 7-30 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of the 18th instant. Following from Sir W. R. Lawrence :—

Begins. Prince approves entry by Prinsep's Ghat. Early reply will be sent to telegram of 9th September. Prince greatly regrets abandonment of Camp of Exercise, and recent rains in Punjab raised hope some Camp of Exercise might be possible. Prince wants something more practical than reviews. Definite reply will be sent on September 25th. Your final advice about Rajputana is anxiously awaited.

No. 183a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.,
September 18th, 1905.*

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th ultimo. Her Royal Highness will be glad to have the services of Birdwood, Civil Surgeon of Agra, or, failing him, those of Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Tate.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. LAWRENCE.

No. 183b.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Abergeldie Castle, Ballater, N. B.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Your most kind letter of August 23rd touched me very much, and I cannot say how deeply I regret that you were compelled to resign that high position which you have held with such great distinction and pre-eminent success for upwards of seven years. We shall thus be deprived of the great pleasure of meeting and being entertained by you and Lady Curzon at Calcutta. I well know the enormous amount of trouble which you have taken and labour you have gone through, with regard to every detail, however trifling it might be, in making the necessary preparations for our visit, so as to prevent any chance of failure on any single point. I have heard this from Sir Walter Lawrence and from other sources. Let me assure you how sincerely grateful both the Princess and I are for all you have done for us, and I feel confident that owing to your care and foresight our tour will be a great success, and we, I know, will enjoy it all thoroughly. Our only regret is that circumstances will prevent you, as Viceroy, and also Lady Curzon from being in India to receive us officially, and that we shall be unable to turn to you for that advice which your great knowledge of India and its people would have made so valuable to us.

We still hope to have the pleasure of seeing you and Lady Curzon at Bombay on our arrival on November 9th to thank you both personally for

everything. I may add that I know the King is very anxious that this should be arranged.

With many kind messages to Lady Curzon,

Believe me,
MY DEAR VICEROY,
Most sincerely yours,
(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 184.

General Beatson to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Agra, 19th September 1905, 3-50 p. m. (Recd. 6-15 p. m.)

491.-T. C. *Private*. If Ajmer and Jaipur have to be dropped out of programme, Daly most anxious for visit to Indore, where it will be easy to keep the Central India Chiefs, who will be assembled for Viceroy's visit. By leaving out Ahmedabad shoot, Ajmer, and Jaipur we shall have seven days in hand. Royal party might leave Bombay 14th, arrive Bhopal 15th (Begum most anxious for visit), arrive Indore 17th, arrive Udaipur 19th, arrive Bikanir 23rd. If Bhurtpore also has to be cut out, it will be everything for Prince's tiger shooting prospects to spend that time at Gwalior. Both Daly and Commissioner here will be grateful for early information, the latter as the coming or not coming of the Central India Chiefs creates the question of renting camp grounds. It looks here as if another storm was brewing.

No. 185.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E., Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

Gwalior, September 19th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I met Beatson here and have talked with him as to possibilities in the event of the Prince's programme being changed. If His Royal Highness should be able to visit Bhopal and Indore, it would afford the deepest gratification to Central India.

I could easily keep at Indore the Chiefs who will assemble there to receive His Excellency. I intend in any case to keep them for a few days after His Excellency leaves, in order to hold a general meeting of the College

Council. If the meeting with the Prince could take place at Indore, none of the Central India Chiefs need go to Agra, and there would thus be a saving of trouble and expense to them. I yesterday received from Jardine, Political Agent in Bundelkhand, a telegram as follows: "Their Highnesses the Maharaja of Chhattarpore and the Nawab of Baoni earnestly beg me to represent their fervent desire to be permitted to pay their respects to His Royal Highness, pleading that, unlike the great Chiefs, there is little hope of their ever getting to England. Perhaps this could be arranged in connection with rumoured changes of Royal programme."

Several of the other smaller Chiefs have spoken to me in the same strain, and there is no doubt that their feelings in the matter are strong and genuine.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

No. 186.

Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Abu, 20th September 1905, 1-10 p. m. (Recd. 4-45 p. m.)

Your telegram 19th. Prince's visit. The position is as follows:—Recent rainfall was especially beneficial in Udaipur and Bikanir, and it is safe in the case of these two States to proceed on assumption that Royal visit should take place. In Jaipur and Bhurtpore famine still threatens, recent rain having merely sufficed to raise hopes of escape. Situation in Ajmer District is same as in Jaipur, though ample rain in Merwara District will probably ease matters there; in Ajmer and Bhurtpore the numbers on famine relief have not appreciably diminished owing to recent rain, while in Jaipur it has been found necessary to open relief works since the rain. But in these three cases a heavy rainfall in next three weeks would alter whole situation. Both Udaipur and Bikanir have asked for extension of Royal visit to their capitals by one or two days. It was my intention to propose acceptance of these requests simultaneously with exclusion of Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bhurtpore if no rain fell in next three weeks, thus filling in time between 16th and 27th November. If, however, an immediate decision is indispensable, I would advise applying the broad principle that all places should be excluded where it has been found necessary to initiate famine relief operations. This would mean exclusion of Ajmer, Jaipur, and Bhurtpore. I recommend that Bhurtpore be in any case excluded, as shooting conditions described in my letter to Fraser, dated 9th September, remain unchanged. I would not in any case recommend large assemblage of Chiefs at Ajmer; besides difficulties arising from scarcity of fodder, the condition of the States has to be considered. Parts of Marwar, Tonk, Bundi, Shahpura,

Kotah, and Alwar are still in critical condition and require most careful watching. I consider it dangerous to distract attention of Chiefs and Political Officers by the many preparations needed for a visit to His Royal Highness at Ajmer. If Ajmer is not at once excluded, I should like to inform these Chiefs at once that visit to Ajmer will be on reduced scale owing to economic conditions prevailing in Rajputana, and that their attendance will consequently be excused. I should add that Jaipur will protest against exclusion from programme.

No. 187.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 20th September 1905, 7-40 p. m. (Recd. 21st, 7 a. m.)

Private. Following from Lawrence :—

Begins. Nathan's letter of August 31st. Question of address from Bombay University should be settled by Government of India in accordance with Home Department Circular, 2705, dated August 14th.

No. 188.

FROM THE HON'BLE MAJOR-GENL. SIR E. R. ELLES, K. C. B., K. C. I. E., Military
Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Simla, September 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

Please show this note to His Excellency as early as possible, as General Sclater is anxious to cancel Ballabgarh at once. I presume His Excellency will have no objection to changing the *locale* of the Manœuvres to Rawal Pindi.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) E. R. ELLES.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

FROM MAJOR-GENL. H. C. SCLATER, C. B., Quarter-Master-General in India, to THE HON'BLE
MAJOR-GENL. SIR E. R. ELLES, K. C. B., K. C. I. E., Military Member of the Viceroy's Council.

September 20th, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR EDMOND,

In reply to your note of yesterday, I have seen the Commander-in-Chief about the Manœuvres.

Owing to the reports we have received from the Delhi District, there is no doubt that there is insufficient water and fodder in the district to enable us to have the Manœuvres there.

Lord Kitchener is very anxious that Manœuvres should take place, and we have satisfactory accounts from the Attock Pindi District.

He therefore recommends that the *locale* of the Manœuvres may be transferred to the Pindi District, where the Lieutenant-General Commanding has ascertained that the local Civil officers will raise no objections.

I have also consulted Sir Denzil on the Telephone, who informed me that he saw no objection to the proposal, but before giving an official reply he would have to consult the local authorities.

As time is pressing, I should be very much obliged if I could obtain unofficial sanction to our considering the abandonment of Ballabgarh area as settled, and the adoption of the Pindi area instead.

I will reply officially to the Military Department letter as soon as received.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) HENRY C. SCLATER.

No. 189.

Resident, Jaipur, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, 22nd September 1905, 1-20 p. m. (Recd. 3 p. m.)

5920. Your telegram 21st instant. Total rainfall for the State from 1st May to 15th September, average 3 to 5 inches out of normal $22\frac{1}{2}$; prospects at end of August were gloomy, but rain in September has improved situation. Temporary additional ordinary works are being opened to provide employment; numbers on works not yet available. If Prince visits Rajputana, Maharaja Jaipur would be grievously disappointed if Jaipur omitted from Tour. Extensive preparations already made. Would suggest that unless prospects improve, Prince might, in consideration circumstances here, express desire that his visit should be of private nature; illuminations and decorations dispensed with. People would appreciate Prince's sympathy with situation.

No. 190.

Resident in Mysore, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Bangalore, 22nd September 1905, 2-50 p. m. (Recd. 7-35 p. m.)

No. 5451. Your telegram 21st regarding Prince of Wales' visit to Sivasamudram. Durbar will gladly make necessary arrangements, but visit to Sivasamudram involves alteration of programme settled by Beatson. Reference was therefore made to him on 16th, his present whereabouts not known; am wiring him to communicate you direct result of reference.

No. 191.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Calcutta, 23rd September 1905, 9-57 a. m.

526-T.C. Learn from Quarter-Master-General that it is being suggested Prince should visit Pindi 4th to 8th December. May I suggest following dates which will produce very little dislocation in tour? Peshawar, 2nd to 4th; Pindi, 5th to 8th; Jammu, 9th and 10th; Amritsar, 11th; Delhi, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th; Agra, 16th to 19th.

No. 192.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Calcutta, 23rd September 1905, 9-56 a. m.

527-T.C. Agent to the Governor-General, Indore, wires :—

Begins. Please give earliest possible information whether there will or will not be any change affecting Central India. *Ends.*

No. 193.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 23rd September 1905, 5-45 p. m. (Recd. 24th, 7 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 22nd instant. Following from Sir W. R. Lawrence :—

“I go to Balmoral to-morrow and will, after consultation with Prince of Wales, wire decision 25th or 26th.”

No. 194.

General Beatson to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Calcutta, 24th September 1905, 2-4 p. m.

555-T.C. *Private* You will remember my telegram regarding condition, equipment Royal rooms, Bangalore. I then expressed my opinion after careful survey, and am rather distressed to learn that there is probability of non-renewal of articles like carpets. I hope you will be able to obtain reconsideration matter as carpets and curtains are in my opinion really requisite owing to worn and dirty state of present ones. In the Princess' bedroom there were only muslin curtains which do not prevent people seeing in.

No. 195.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

Telegram, Ganeshkhind, 26th September 1905, 1-25 p. m. (Recd. 5-50 p. m.)

Your telegram of 21st September. I agree that no address should be permitted to be presented by the Bombay University.

No. 196.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 26th September 1905, 5-50 p. m. (Recd. 27th, 7 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 22nd instant. Following from Sir W. R. Lawrence :—

“ Prince of Wales greatly regrets condition of Rajputana. Their Royal Highnesses desire that their deep sympathy may be conveyed to the Maharaja of Jaipur, the State of Bhurtpore and people of Ajmer. Prince hesitates to embarrass Ajmer and must forego even private visit to Mayo College. Prince will be guided by your advice to hold over Jaipur till end of the month, but there seems little hope now. Prince suggests that it might be well to give up Ajmer, Jaipur and Bhurtpore at once. Even if rain comes, the people have suffered and Royal visit would be ill-timed. Leaving Bombay on November 14th Prince might go to Bhopal, leave Bhopal night of 17th reaching Indore *viâ* Ujjain on 18th, receive and return visits of Chiefs of Central India on 18th; leave Indore night of 19th reaching Udaipur 20th. Leave Udaipur for Bikanir on date which would allow of a second day's shoot at Bikanir, arriving Lahore on 28th. The days assigned to Bhurtpore could be added to Gwalior, where it is hoped that 3 days' shooting can be provided. Prince leaves it to you to decide whether, if Chiefs of Central India visit His Royal Highness at Indore, it would be desirable for Chiefs of Rajputana to come to Agra. Considering the famine, the Prince is reluctant to put the Chiefs to expense, but if they wish to come to Agra with small inexpensive retinues, Prince will gladly receive them.

Manceuvres. Prince accepts Commander-in-Chief's suggestions for four days' manceuvres with review on 5th day, but as this involves one day more than was allowed for Ballabgarh, it might be convenient to reduce manceuvres to 3 days for sake of general tour programme.”

No. 197.

Private Secy. to Lieut.-Governor, United Provinces, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Naini Tal, 28th September 1905, 11-37 a. m. (Recd. 1-5 p. m.)

Will Prince on return to Agra from Fatehpur Sikri remain at Agra, or leave for Central India on 19th as arranged ?

No. 198.

R.

Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Abu, 28th September 1905, 12-52 p. m. (Recd. 7-10 p. m.)

Your telegram containing instructions of Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness' gracious message to suffering localities generally, and to Bhurtpore and Ajmer in particular, are being immediately forwarded. On the whole I advise that Jaipur should be retained in programme. Although no rain has fallen there except in Shekhawati since my telegram of 20th September, and situation is grave, still it is now not likely to assume till December acute form previously anticipated. In consideration of Chief's feeling I now think that visit might be carried through. Every preparation will be taken to see that Royal visit did not upset his famine organisation. The summoning of Sirdars from outlying districts of the State might be, with His Royal Highness' permission, excused. Regarding visit of Rajput Chiefs to Agra many of the States will be engaged in famine relief measures by the time His Royal Highness reaches Agra, and Chiefs of these States could not be, in my opinion, conveniently invited to leave their territories. It would be difficult to dissuade them from elaborate preparations in rivalry with each other. These preparations added to their absence at Agra with their Political Officers would undoubtedly hamper famine administration. The only Ruling Chiefs, excluding Udaipur, Jaipur, and Bikanir, who will not be engaged in relief measures, will be Jhalawar, Partabgarh, and Sirahi, and possibly Dholpur and Kotah. If these only are invited, much heart-burning will be caused amongst remainder. I therefore would not recommend any visit from Rajput Chiefs to Agra.

No. 199.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 29th September 1905, 1-20 p. m. (Recd. 9-30 p. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 27th instant. Prince of Wales approves proposals.

No. 200.

R.

Agent to the Governor-General, Central India, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Indore, 30th September 1905, 12-57 p. m. (Recd. 3 p. m.)

I strongly recommend that His Royal Highness should come to Indore. Begum of Bhopal will be here for Viceroy's visit and can easily remain as house has been arranged for her. Chiefs who were going to Agra will be saved expense of second journey. Please telegraph as soon as possible authority to announce Prince of Wales's visit, as all the arrangements are being made will have to be modified, and the Chiefs be sending camps and retinue larger than would have been required as Viceroy had excused State visits.

No. 201.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 30th September 1905, 3-30 p. m. (Recd. 1st Octr., 6 a. m.)

Private. Following from Sir W. Lawrence:—

Begins. Please inform Beatson that the Prince of Wales approves second edition of provisional programme subject to following modifications:—

November 14th, private dinner should be at Government House and not on ship. Prince wishes to observe Sabbath as strictly as possible. When travelling is unavoidable some arrangement should be made for morning or evening service.

Travel on February 18th seems necessity, but February 4th, March 4th, and March 11th might be avoided. Prince does not want address at Mysore, and doubts expediency of Garden party at Quetta. *Ends.*

No. 202.

Resident, Mysore, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Bangalore, 2nd October 1905, 1-10 p. m.

No. 5650. My telegram 5451, dated 22nd September. Beatson wires:—

Begins. I do not consider it feasible to alter either the Mysore or Bangalore programme. Under these circumstances it will be impossible to visit Sivasamudram. *Ends.*

No. 203.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 3rd October 1905, 10-40 p. m. (Recd. 4th, 8-30 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegrams of September 29th, September 30th. Following from Sir W. Lawrence:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales accepts your proposals. He will leave Bombay November 14th, reach Indore November 15th, Udaipur November 18th, Jaipur November 21st. Please arrange second day's shoot at Bikaner by shortening visit at Jaipur.

No. 204.

Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal, to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Darjeeling, 5th October 1905, 10-54 a. m. (Recd. 1-30 p. m.)

Your telegram of yesterday. I had fixed to arrive in Calcutta by 24th October to start arrangements for the Prince's visit. I shall thankfully act on the advice of His Excellency in making my arrangements then.

No. 205.

FROM MAJOR-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Armadale, Simla, October 7th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Do you think it would be possible to make definite arrangements now in regard to the Prince's visit to Simla?

In my last letter to Sir Walter, I indicated the difficulty that existed, owing to the repairs to the house and the reconstruction of the water-supply arrangements.

It is not easy to gauge His Royal Highness' exact views as to the necessity of the trip to Simla. If the visit be foregone, then we must think of an alternative.

You will remember the injunction as to the religious observance of the Sabbath. If it could be arranged that the Prince should leave Bettiah on the

6th March, visit Aligarh on the 8th, I could then arrange arrival at Quetta on the afternoon of the 10th and give the Royal party a quiet Sunday with church service.

Tucker would welcome the extension at Quetta and can easily arrange for it. It will, however, be necessary to amplify his sumptuary allowance.

Manners-Smith writes that the Nepal Durbar are very anxious that the shooting trip should be extended by a few days, for the prospects of sport are good.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

No. 206.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 9th October 1905, 1-5 p. m. (Recd. 9-30 p. m.)

Private. Honours. Will you require any Insignia from here to supplement stock in India in connection with Investitures during His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' tour?

No. 207.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Ootacamund, 9th October 1905, 5-45 p. m. (Recd. 7 p. m.)

Your telegram of 7th. Princess has already signified her pleasure to accept address from Native ladies, so I think it must be presented.

No. 208.

FROM MAJOR-GENERAL STUART BEATSON, C. B.

Armadales, Simla, October 10th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

The enclosed is a Memorandum of Watsons.

The purport of it may affect the State Ball on the 9th.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) STUART BEATSON.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.]

Memorandum, Burma.

1. Port Officer, Calcutta, has given information that H. M. S. *Renown* must leave Diamond Harbour not later than 8 A. M. on the 10th January, to enable her to proceed direct to sea.

2. Port Officer, Rangoon, informs me that H. M. S. *Renown* must arrive opposite Pilot Brig outside Rangoon River at 2 P. M. on the 12th January. This will enable the pilot to take her up to the Hastings' bar by 5 P. M. on the 12th instant.

3. The *Renown's* draught is 27 feet, and it is very doubtful whether on the morning of the 13th January she would be able to proceed up to moorings opposite Rangoon town—there being only 10 inches of water in the bar to spare.

4. It is purely a question of darkness and fogs (very prevalent at that time of year) which prevents the *Renown* to move up to the Hastings' Bar on the early morning of the 13th instant. The Port Officer considers it absolutely necessary that she should therefore arrive at the Hastings' bar in the evening of the 12th instant.

H. W.—10-10-05.

No. 209.

FROM SURGEON-GENL. G. BOMFORD, C. I. E., I. M. S., Director-Genl., Indian Medical Service.

October 11th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

Thanks for letter about Birdwood attending Her Royal Highness at Agra.

He should be informed so that he may not be away from Agra, and also warned that if his services should be required, he will be responsible for the case and must use his own judgment as to treatment and see that everything he considers necessary is done.

Otherwise he may be timid and let himself be overruled and pushed on one side in an emergency.

The question is, shall I write to him, or is he to be informed through the Local Government?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) G. BOMFORD.

No. 210.

FROM THE HON. LIEUT.-COL. H. A. DEANE, c. s. i., Agent to the Governor-General,
N.-W. Frontier Province.

Nathiagali, October 11th, 1905.

DEAR NATHAN,

I have just received the Finance Department's answer to Mr. O'Dwyer's letter addressed to you, dated the 7th August last, in which he furnished an estimate of the expenditure to be incurred in connection with the forthcoming visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Peshawar.

After a delay of nearly two months, during which time the greater part of the amount estimated, apart from the catering, has been necessarily expended in preparing for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses, sanction has been accorded to three-fifths of the sum asked for.

The sum allowed for catering is Rs. 7,000 only, whereas it was pointed out in Mr. O'Dwyer's letter that the lowest tender submitted was for Rs. 12,000. It is obvious that arrangements on such an extensive scale cannot in any circumstances be undertaken by my private establishment, and we have entirely failed to obtain the services of a professional caterer for less than the sum originally specified, which was considerably the lowest tender received. The caterer provides attendance and most of the equipment, and he has pointed out that the outlay necessary for three days' entertainment differs little from that required for ten days, while the cost in proportion is immeasurably higher.

Regarding the remaining items included in my estimate which amounted to Rs. 8,000 the reduction effected by the Finance Department in this instance is Rs. 3,000. Here again we find ourselves at an *impasse*.

The cost of the hire and carriage of furniture for the 34 tents required for staff and European establishment slightly exceeds the original estimate.

As regards the Landi Kotal visit Major Roos-Keppel thinks that the Rs. 2,000 asked for is barely sufficient.

Expenses in connection with special re-arrangement of the rooms in Government House to suit the convenience of Their Royal Highnesses have already been incurred up to the estimated amount. Household necessities have been ordered from England in excess of the sum asked for. The item for unforeseen expenditure has been considerably encroached upon, while the estimates for bands, transport, feeding of native servants, and fuel are incapable of reduction. In addition to this we have been asked by the Foreign Office to provide a furnished camp and mess "on payment" for the use of Press

correspondents accompanying Their Royal Highnesses, and General Beatson has asked that bedding should be provided for members of staff and European establishment. The granting of both these requests involves additional expenditure which cannot possibly be met by the allotment conceded by the Finance Department. I would remind you that the North-West Frontier Province differs from such old established Provinces as the Punjab which possesses accumulated funds and resources of its own available for emergencies such as the present.

Finally I feel convinced that the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Their Royal Highnesses at Peshawar cannot be suitably undertaken at a smaller cost than that set down in my original estimate; that the inevitable result of the reduction of the grant intimated in the Finance Department's letter will be to upset the preparations which have been carefully pursued during the past two months and cannot fail to jeopardise the success of the Royal visit to this Province or to throw the burden of expenditure of at least from Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 10,000 on to my private purse, which I can certainly ill afford. If necessary, I would ask that the matter be laid before His Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. A. DEANE.

No. 211.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor, Burma.

Maymyo, October 15th, 1905.

DEAR MR. NATHAN,

I now submit for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy the programme proposed for the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Burma.

It is assumed that Their Royal Highnesses will arrive at Rangoon at 8-30 A. M., on Saturday the 13th. There is some doubt whether H. M. S. *Renown* will be able to come up the river and anchor opposite the town. If this is not feasible, the *Renown* will anchor below the Hastings shoal but in either case it will be necessary to convey Their Royal Highnesses from the *Renown* to the landing place in launches or river steamers. It is proposed that they shall land at the Sule Pagoda wharf. They

will be received on landing by the Lieutenant-Governor and certain high officials will be in attendance on the wharf. There will be a Guard of Honour of British Infantry on one side, and on the other Guards of Honour of the Port Defence Volunteers and the Railway Volunteers. After inspecting the Guards of Honour His Royal Highness will be asked to permit the introduction of the gentlemen assembled on the wharf and Their Royal Highnesses will then be conducted to a pandal where there will be a platform and an amphitheatre of seats around it. An address will then be presented by the Chairman of the Reception Committee, a body which is representative of all classes and races. After the address has been presented Their Royal Highnesses will be conducted to their carriage. The Escort will consist of Mounted Volunteers and Mounted Military Police : there are no Cavalry or Horse Artillery in Burma. Their Royal Highnesses' carriage, followed by the carriages containing the suite, will drive up Strand Road, Phayre Street, Merchant Street, Strand Road, Latter Street, Dalhousie Street, Godwin Road, Halpin Road, and Leeds Road to Government House. On the route there will be various triumphal arches principally in Merchant Street and Latter Street. In Godwin Road, north of the Railway Bridge, there will be a large pandal occupying both sides of the road and accommodating the 17,000 school children of Rangoon. The carriage will stop at this pandal for a few minutes and a school girl will present a bouquet to Her Royal Highness the Princess. On arrival at Government House there will be a Guard of Honour of Native Infantry and of the Rangoon Volunteers. In the afternoon, it is proposed that Their Royal Highnesses should open the Victoria Memorial Park. This Park was created as a memorial to Her late Majesty by public subscription. It has been in course of preparation for some years and is now at a stage when it may fitly be declared open to the public by Their Royal Highnesses. There will be no address, but a short speech will be made by the Honourable Mr. Harvey Adamson, who is the Chairman of the administrators of the Park. In the evening of Saturday, there will be a dinner at Government House to which it is proposed to invite ladies as well as gentlemen, it will therefore not be classed as a 'State Dinner'. The dinner will be followed by a reception to which the leading officials and non-officials of Rangoon and such of the officials in Lower Burma as can conveniently attend will be invited. On Sunday the 14th, Their Royal Highnesses will perhaps attend the Cathedral Service at 11 A. M. In the evening about 4-45, the Prince and Princess may visit the Shwe Dagon Pagoda where they will be received by the Trustees who are the leading laymen among the Burman Buddhists. Precaution will be taken to prevent over-crowding, but it is considered that the attractiveness of the scene will be enhanced if a reasonable number of Burmans of the better class are admitted to the precincts during Their Royal Highnesses' visit. In the morning of Monday the 15th, after breakfast, Their Royal Highnesses may be inclined to visit the timber-yards of the Bombay Burma Trading Corporation

and see the well-known sight of elephants working timber. Another visit which Their Royal Highnesses may perhaps be inclined to make is to the Refinery of the Burma Oil Company. The Petroleum industry, though of recent creation in Burma, is attaining a considerable development and the processes of the manufacture are interesting, but His Royal Highness may have seen an equally good specimen of this branch of industry elsewhere, and if so, this item might be omitted. I shall be glad to know Their Royal Highnesses' wishes some time beforehand in order that the managers of the Burma Oil Company may be given due notice. The staple industry of Burma is the milling of rice, but a visit to a rice mill is a very fatiguing and somewhat dirty process and it has not been included. In the afternoon there will be a Garden Party at Government House to which representatives of the Burman, Shan and Indian communities, as well as European gentlemen and ladies will be invited. For Monday evening, the illumination of the Royal Lakes is suggested. It is proposed that Their Royal Highnesses should drive from Government House around the Lake so as to see the illuminations from the east side, then crossing along the head of the Lake to the west side they will drive to the pavilion in Dalhousie Park where they will be received by the Reception Committee and the Princess will be asked to accept an Album of Views. Their Royal Highnesses will then be asked to embark on a decorated raft which will be towed by Burmese boats about and across the Lake disembarking at the Boat Club where the members would beg Their Royal Highnesses to honour them by a brief visit. It is thought that by this means the members of the Reception Committee might be divided between the pavilion and the Boat Club, so that there will be the less crowd at either place. From the Boat Club Their Royal Highnesses may drive to Phayre Street Station from which their train will depart at 11 p.m. In front of Their Royal Highnesses' train there will be two Specials starting at 10 and 10-30 respectively, and it will be convenient if a portion of Their Royal Highnesses' suite can travel by the 10-30 train. Breakfast will be served at Yamèthin where a Burmese *mandat* or pavilion will be erected by the inhabitants of the town, and Their Royal Highnesses will be asked to permit the introduction of the Deputy Commissioner and of representative Burmans. Lunch will be served at Kumè Road Railway Station where a similar pavilion will be erected and where Their Royal Highnesses will be asked to permit the introduction of the Deputy Commissioner of the Kyauksè District together with representatives of the Burman community. On arrival at Mandalay at 4-15, Their Royal Highnesses will be received by a Guard of Honour of British Infantry and of the Upper Burma Volunteers. A pandal will be erected at the Railway Station and an address will be presented by the Municipal Committee. On arrival at Government House, Their Royal Highnesses will be received by a Guard of Honour of Native Infantry. In the evening there will be a small dinner. It was originally proposed to have a private dinner on this night

and a small dinner on Wednesday, but I think that Their Royal Highnesses will be more fatigued on Wednesday than on Tuesday, and that it will be better to put down the dinner for which invitations will be issued for the day of arrival. In the morning of Wednesday the 17th, after breakfast, Their Royal Highnesses may visit the Aracan Pagoda, Zegyo Bazaar, and the Mandalay palace. These are the chief sights of Mandalay. The Aracan Pagoda is some three miles away, and it is feared that this part of the programme is somewhat fatiguing. It will give great satisfaction if Their Royal Highnesses will travel by the new Tramway for a portion of the return route from the Aracan Pagoda, their carriages being sent round to meet them at the exit from the Zegyo Bazaar. In the afternoon, it is proposed to have a Garden Party at Government House and boat races on the moat which borders the Government House ground. It is hoped that one or two crews of people from the Lake District of the Shan States of Yawnghwe will come down for the occasion. These people row with their legs and the novel sight will perhaps interest Their Royal Highnesses. After a private dinner in the evening Their Royal Highnesses may like to watch a *pwè* or Burmese drama at the east side of Mandalay Palace and can drive direct from the Palace to the riverside where they can embark on the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's steamer *Japan* at any time they find convenient. The *Japan* will start at daylight on the 18th, and steam down the Irrawaddy throughout that day anchoring at night at whatever point may be reached. At Paunglin which the *Japan* is expected to leave about 10 A. M., on Friday the 19th, preparations have been made for a duck shoot which will occupy about five hours. Resuming her voyage at 4 P. M., the *Japan* should arrive at Prome on the 20th at 4 P. M. It is desirable that this place should be reached not later than that hour in order that the baggage may be transferred from the steamer to the train in daylight. Their Royal Highnesses can move from the steamer to the train at any convenient hour, and it is proposed that the train shall start at 11 P. M., and reach Rangoon at 6 A. M. It is understood that Their Royal Highnesses must leave Rangoon in the morning in order to arrive at Madras at the proper time. It is therefore proposed that they will go straight from the train to a launch which will convey them to H. M. S. *Renown*, which on account of the tide will have to be anchored below the Hastings shoal.

I have not included in the programme the presentation of Colours to the 91st Punjabis. The Regiment will be at Bhamo and General McLeod proposes that a Company should be sent to Mandalay to receive the Colours. In that case, it is suggested that the ceremony of presentation might be performed at Mandalay on Wednesday the 17th. I have not decided whether to recommend that this presentation should take place at Rangoon or Mandalay, and I propose to discuss the matter further with General McLeod. I will submit a final recommendation by telegram probably before this letter reaches you.

I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know by telegram if the programme is approved and if it may be published with notes of the details mentioned in this letter, subject to the inclusion of the presentation of the Colours in the appropriate place.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. THIRKELL WHITE.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

DATE.	PLACE.	TIME.		EVENTS.	NOTES.
		A. M.	P. M.		
1906.					
JANUARY—					
<i>Saturday, 13th</i> ...	Rangoon ...	8-30	.....	Public arrival at Sule Pagoda Wharf. Address by Reception Committee. Drive in procession to Government House—Presentation of bouquet by school children on the route.	
			4-30	Opening of the Victoria Memorial Park. Short speech by Chairman of the Administrators.	
			8-15	Dinner at Government House, followed by reception.	
<i>Sunday, 14th</i> ...	Do. ..	11	.....	Service at the Cathedral.	
			4-45	Visit to Shwe Dagôn Pagoda.	
			8-15	Private Dinner.	
<i>Monday, 15th</i> ...	Do. ...	11	.....	Visit to Timber Yards to see Elephants working and to Petroleum refinery.	
			4	Garden Party at Government House for Europeans, Burman, Shan, and Indian gentlemen and ladies.	
			8	Small Dinner.	

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		A. M.	P. M.		
<i>Monday 15th</i>	.. Rangoon	9-15	Illuminations on the Royal Lake in Dalhousie Park.	
			11	Departure by train —(Private)	
<i>Tuesday, 16th</i>	. Mandalay ...	....	4-30	Public arrival at Railway Station.	
				Address by Municipal Committee	
			8-15	Small Dinner.	
<i>Wednesday, 17th</i>	.. Do. ...	10-30	.....	Visit to Arakan Pagoda, Zegyo Bazaar (silks) and Palace.	
			4	Garden Party at Government House; boat races on the moat.	
			8	Private Dinner.	
			9-15	Burmese dramas (<i>Pwe</i>) at Palace.	
			10-30	Drive through illuminated streets to riverside.	
			11	Embarkation on I. F. Coy.'s <i>P. S. Japan</i> —private—	
<i>Thursday, 18th</i>	... River Irrawaddy.	6	.....	<i>P. S. Japan</i> starts down the river.	
<i>Friday, 19th</i>	... Do ...	10	.....	Arrival (private) at Paunglin.	
				Duck shoot.	
			4	Departure (private) from Paunglin.	
<i>Saturday, 20th</i>	. Do ...	.....	4	Arrival (private) at Prome.	
			11	Departure (private) by railway.	
<i>Sunday, 21st</i>	... Rangoon	6	.....	Arrival (private) at Rangoon.	
			8	Departure (private) by H. M. S. <i>Renown</i>	

No. 212.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 16th October 1905, 4-20 p. m. (Recd. 17th, 7 a. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 14th instant. Following from Sir Walter Lawrence :—Prince of Wales agrees to going straight from Darjeeling to Diamond Harbour, and to having State Ball on January 4th. King and Prince approve of suggestions regarding music at dinners and banquets.

No. 213.

Lieut.-Govr. of Burma to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Maymyo, 19th October 1905, 10-50 a. m.

653-C. Please see my demi-official letter of 15th October submitting draft programme of Royal tour. General McLeod and I recommend that presentation of colours to 91st Punjabis should take place on Monday, 15th January, at 8 A. M. at Rangoon.

No. 214.

Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay, dated 22nd October 1905.

I ask you to reconsider the question of the formality to be observed at the Royal Landing. It has been suggested that you should do the introductions of the functionaries on the landing stage. This seems to me incorrect and places the Governor in an invidious position. The immediate superior usually introduces his own subordinates, *e. g.*, a Colonel his Officers or the Chairman of a Municipality his Councillors.

You will have presented me, thereafter it would be my business to present Bombayites (unless I deputed Edgerley); this seems to be the natural procedure.

No. 215.

Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Burma to Private Secy. to Viceroy, Camp.

Telegram, Maymyo, 24th October 1905, 5-55 p. m.

689-C. Continuation Sir Herbert White's demi-official letter of 15th October. It is suggested that interview with native gentlemen might be put down in programme of Prince's tour for 1 to 2 o'clock on Monday and 3 to 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

No. 216.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Viceroy, Viceroy's Camp.

Telegram, Port Said, 26th October 1905, 9-35 a. m.

Precedence by King's order will be as follows :—Lawrence after 16, Bigge, Shaftesbury after 17, Beatson, Pertab Singh in 25, Equerries after 40, Indian Staff according to Indian precedence.

No. 217.

FROM A. H. DIACK, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

Lahore, October 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

I am desired to send you a copy of a demi-official letter written by me to General Beatson on 7th September, containing a request that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales might be pleased to open the new University Hall when at Lahore, and an extract handed to me the other day by General Beatson from a letter to him from Sir Walter Lawrence, dated 3rd October. I am to say that Sir Charles Rivaz will be obliged if you will kindly take His Excellency's orders on the proposal, and let me have as early intimation as possible of what is decided in order that suitable arrangements may be made if the Prince is to open the Hall.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. DIACK.

[ENCLOSURES TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Copy of a demi-official letter, dated Simla, the 7th September 1905, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab to Major-General Stuart Beatson, C. B., Simla.

The Punjab University Hall is now nearing completion, and will probably be quite finished by the time the Prince of Wales arrives in Lahore. The University would consider it a great honour if His Royal Highness would formally open the building, and Sir Denzil Ibbetson thinks it would be very appropriate if the Prince would consent to perform the opening ceremony. Will you kindly ascertain whether this will be agreed to? If so, it might be fixed for the afternoon of November 29th or 30th, or perhaps better still on the morning of December 1st, when the Prince visits the Fort and could take the University Hall on his way there or on his way back.

From Sir Walter Lawrence, K. C. I. E., to Major-General Stuart Beatson, C. B., dated 3rd October 1905.

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I return herewith Diack's letter of the 7th ultimo. The question of the Universities is a very difficult one, and I cannot lay this letter before the Prince without the Viceroy's opinion. The Prince, as you know, is to receive a Degree in Calcutta, but I do not yet know whether the Viceroy will recommend that he should receive an address from the Bombay University.

It would give rise to great unpleasantness if His Royal Highness took part in any University ceremony at Lahore if he is to say nothing to the Universities of Bombay and Madras. Will you please tell Diack that the matter should be referred at once to the Viceroy? He can advise the Prince when he arrives in Bombay.

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No. 218.

Lieut.-Governor of Bengal to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Belvedere, 28th October 1905, 4-44 p. m.

Detailed programme for functions connected with Their Royal Highnesses' visit are being prepared. Can you inform me what officers will be present at Howrah, at Prinsep's Ghat, and at Government House respectively to welcome Their Royal Highnesses? It is necessary to know this to draw up the programme connected with the public arrival. I presume that the programme for all functions at Government House will be arranged by His Excellency the Viceroy. Will His Excellency also draw up the programme for the University Convocation on Monday, the 1st January, and for the laying of the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall on Friday, the 5th?

No. 219.

Lieut.-Governor of Bengal to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Belvedere, 31st October 1905, 7-53 a. m.

Your demi-official 21st instant. I think that Wednesday, 3rd January, would be best extra holiday, because it is illumination day, and also because it continues a series of holidays; half holiday at least may also be arranged for locally on 5th January.

No. 219a.

FROM W. R. GOURLAY, Esq., Private Secretary to the Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

October 31st, 1905.

MY DEAR NATHAN,

With reference to your demi-official letter of the 21st instant to His Honour on the subject of the grant of an extra holiday in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Calcutta, I am directed to enclose a copy of a telegram sent by Sir Andrew Fraser to your address this morning. For the great mass of officers and (even more especially) for ministerial officials it will be a greater boon to have the six consecutive holidays than to have five together and a sixth further on. And there will be no difficulty about arranging for closing offices in time for the laying of the foundation stone.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. GOURLAY.

[ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.]

Telegram dated 31st October 1905.

Your demi-official dated 21st instant. I think that Wednesday, 3rd January, would be best extra holiday, because it is illumination day and also because it continues a series of holidays. Half holiday at least may also be arranged for locally on 5th January.

No. 220.

Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Ajmer, 1st November 1905, 10-55 a. m.

1521-C. Kindly wire if you have given any instructions regarding Chaplains being added to the party at Udaipur and Bikanir. We had arranged for the Revd. Sheppard at Udaipur and the Chaplain from the *Renown* at Bikanir. I now hear that the Bishop of Chota Nagpur has directed other Chaplains to attend at each place. This appears unnecessary, unless two clergymen at each place considered essential.

Repeated tourist.

No. 221.

Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal, to Private Secretary to Viceroy, Viceroy's Camp.
Telegram, Calcutta, 2nd November 1905, 8-52 p. m.

You have not answered my telegram of 31st ultimo. In Gabriel's letter to Carlyle of 25th ultimo, it is said that the first carriage from Prinsep's Ghat will contain the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Lieutenant-Governor, and Sir Walter Lawrence. Does that mean that Governor-General will not be at the Ghat? He was present in 1875 and 1890 which are precedents. I understand that the presentation of the Municipal address will be at Prinsep's Ghat and am arranging accordingly.

No. 222.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Viceroy, Camp.
Telegram, Aden, 3rd November 1905, 2-35 p. m.

Calcutta. Prince prefers original plan by which Viceroy meets him foot of steps Government House.

No. 223.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Viceroy.
Telegram, Bombay, 11th November 1905.

Many thanks for your kind telegram. Delighted you are so much better and that your journey here was not too much for you. It gave the Princess and me great pleasure to see you and Lady Curzon. Everything here is going off admirably in spite of the heat. The welcome from the people continues as enthusiastic as on the first day.

No. 224.

Governor of Bombay to Viceroy.
* Telegram, 13th November 1905, 4-49 p. m.

Private. I have been asked by the Prince of Wales to suggest native for the honour of Knighthood in connection with His Royal Highness' reception in Bombay. The most prominent name and the most popular appointment would be that of Karimbhai Ebrahim. May he be withdrawn from your Honours' List and knighted by the Prince to-morrow?

No. 225.

Prince of Wales to Viceroy, Bombay.

Telegram, Camp, 18th November 1905, 10-23 a. m.

Good-bye. We cannot let you leave without again thanking you for all that you have done to make our visit agreeable. We trust that rest and change of air will completely restore you to health.

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No. 226.

Military Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Udaipur, 20th November 1905, 10-22 a. m.

1903-T. The following is the arrangement desired by His Royal Highness for his reception at Calcutta at 3 o'clock, Standard time, on the 29th December :—No officials, except those actually connected with His Royal Highness' rail and river travelling arrangements, to be at Howrah. At Prinsep's Ghât His Royal Highness would like to be received by the Lieutenant-Governor with Bengal officials and the Corporation and civic dignitaries of Calcutta. At Government House His Royal Highness would like to be received by the Viceroy and the officials of the Government of India. The only carriages in the procession will be those containing His Royal Highness' suite, and will immediately follow the carriage escort of the Prince, and the last carriage of the suite will be followed by the troops of the escort. None of those engaged in the reception of Prinsep's Ghât should come on to Government House.

No. 226a.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., Private Secretary to H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales.

Jaipur, November 22nd, 1905.

MY DEAR MINTO,

You were quite right to communicate with Lawrence *re* the authority granted to His Royal Highness to confer honours. He does all the Indian

work. The Warrants were only signed by the King two days before we left England, and I had to telegraph to Jack Sandars for the official authority from Bombay. Of course Mr. Balfour should have informed the India Office.

His Royal Highness will confer no knighthoods in any of the Orders including the Victorian Order without consulting you. But I do not know what should be done about the lower classes of the Victorian Order. Lawrence has written to your Private Secretary about some possible knighthoods which Curzon had agreed to.

It will be delightful staying again as your guest.

This morning I was "entered" to pig-sticking—and thanks to a fast horse lent to me by Sir Pertab Singh and to the greatest consideration from my companions I was allowed to put my spear first, though not efficaciously, into three pigs! It is a grand sport, but three gallops was about enough for me!

Please remember me sincerely to Lady Minto.

Ever yours,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

[Private.]

P. S.—Everything so far has gone very well: Their Royal Highnesses doing a lot and not tired and people seem pleased. But it is a long programme, and if we are still going strong when we leave Calcutta I shall have no fears as to a successful completion of the tour. They have been most comfortably housed everywhere, and the trains are comfortable. But *for Heaven's sake don't give me away* if I say they are not near up to the Canadian Royal Train!

The Prince is now out after a tiger, but no news in yet as to the result.

I read your replies to addresses at Bombay with great interest. It is curious to hear the different opinions upon the rule of your predecessor. It was a pity he did not keep silence as to the cause of his resignation! I wonder what will be his attitude towards the Secretary of State for India on his arrival in England.

A. B.

No. 227.

R.

Sir Walter Lawrence, Bikanir, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, 25th November 1905, 6-41 p. m. (Recd. 8 p. m.)

Your telegram of to-day. I wrote at once saying reference will be made to Viceroy before K. C. V. O. or Knighthood is suggested. No suggestion likely to be made till His Royal Highness reaches Calcutta.

No. 228.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, 27th November 1905, 4-30 p. m. (Reed. 8 p. m.)

Their Royal Highnesses wish especially to see Darjeeling, but, owing to difficulties regarding draught of *Renown* and *Terrible*, they cannot accomplish Darjeeling unless the Viceroy can see his way to modifying programme for Calcutta. Can it be arranged first that dinner with Commander-in-Chief be changed from 5th to 3rd of January, and that the return visits to Maharaja Sikkim, Tongsa Penlop, and Tashi Lama could be fixed on a day and at an hour which would allow of Their Royal Highnesses leaving Sealdah Station at 6 p. m. on January 5th? Possibly the afternoon of the 4th January would suit for the return visits. Please consult Foreign Office with reference to Gabriel's letter No. 264 of 24th instant.

No. 228a.

FROM SIR L. W. DANE, K. C. I. E, C. S. I., Secy. to Govt., Foreign Dept.

Calcutta, November 28th, 1905.

MY DEAR DUNLOP,

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief wishes, in return for the hospitality shown to him, to invite the Maharaja Scindia and the Maharaja of Alwar as his private guests to Rawalpindi for the manœuvres. If the Chiefs were being asked officially, I might feel compelled to point out certain considerations which would make it awkward to single out these two Chiefs. As the invitations are purely private, I can see no objections.

Will you kindly ascertain His Excellency's wishes and let me know, as soon as possible, if he agrees to Lord Kitchener inviting them, so that I may let Hamilton know before the Chief leaves tomorrow evening?

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) LOUIS W. DANE.

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No. 229.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Lahore, 29th November 1905, 9-9 p. m. (Recd. 10-30 p. m.)

Their Royal Highnesses have no objection and would be glad if it could be arranged to invite Maharaja of Jodhpur also.

No. 230.

Mily. Secy. to Commander-in-Chief to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Rawalpindi, 2nd December 1905, 10-22 a. m.

Chief has invited Scindia, Alwar, and Jodhpur.

No. 230a.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

*Commander-in-Chief's Camp, Kala Serai,
December 6th, 1905.*

MY DEAR VICEBOY,

It was very kind of you to find time, when I know how busy you must be, to write to me. I was delighted to hear of the excellent reception given to you and Lady Minto both at Bombay and Calcutta. You must indeed find it hard work to take up the threads of Government, especially when there are so many important questions for settlement just now. The Princess and I are perfectly delighted with everything we have seen and done since we have been in India. And the welcome given us everywhere has touched us much.

We are both greatly pleased at having been able to go up the Khyber as far as Landi Kotal. I am glad it is all satisfactorily arranged about the

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Tollygunge Steeple Chases. We are most comfortable in Lord Kitchener's Camp, and he is giving us some very interesting manœuvres. The Princess and I are looking forward with great pleasure to our visit to Calcutta and to being entertained by you and Lady Minto again.

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 231.

Commander-in-Chief to Viceroy.

Telegram, Rawalpindi, 8th December 1905, 4-20 p. m.

I beg to inform Your Excellency that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to express his entire satisfaction with all he has seen of the Army in India, both during three days' manœuvres, while His Royal Highness stayed in the Manœuvre Camp, and at the review today when close on 55,000 troops marched past His Royal Highness.

No. 231a.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Prince of Wales's Camp, December 13th, 1905.

MY DEAR DUNLOP,

When the King decided that the Prince should confer Knighthood and the honour grades of the Victorian Order, I was directed to write to the Governors

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of Bombay and Madras and to the Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal, to ascertain the names of the two persons in each place, one European, one Indian, who had done most to make the reception a success. I explained that the Prince's idea was to appoint such persons to be Knights Bachelor. These honours were to be given solely for services connected with the tour, and in no case was any name to be put forward which was already before the Viceroy for recognition in the list of January 1st, 1906. I have discussed the question with His Royal Highness and Bigge, and it has been decided that, when we reach Calcutta, His Royal Highness will ask the Viceroy to advise on the general question of tour honours. No Knighthoods or K. C. V. O's. will be given till Lord Minto has been consulted. For the Punjab I hope that Diack, Chief Secretary, who has done splendid work, will get a C. V. O. All that is contemplated in Calcutta is two Knights Bachelor—one European and one Native.

As regards presents, the list has long ago been made out, and we find that so far the list is suitable and comprehensive.

As regards the Knights Bachelor in Calcutta, any two names put forward by Sir A. Fraser and accepted by the Viceroy would be acceptable to His Royal Highness. The presents are entirely personal gifts, but the Prince also gives medals of the Victorian Order, and medals of his own. These latter are given to Native Police officers—the former to Native officers of the Indian Army. The rule is to give all honours and presents at the conclusion of the visit, so there will be time to take advice as to medals.

Yours ever,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 232.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Prince of Wales' Camp, Delhi, 15th December 1905, 11-2 a. m.

Your telegram. Maidan party is a provincial function, and there is no need for His Excellency to be present.

No. 233.

Hon. Madholal, Chairman, Congress Art Exhibition, Benares, to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Benares, 20th December 1905, 9-20 a. m.

Committee of Industrial Exhibition of Indian National Congress earnestly and respectfully appeals for slight alteration of His Royal Highness' programme, so as to permit of his visiting Exhibition on his way from Lucknow to Calcutta on 28th. Committee not only deems it its humble duty to invite future Emperor when in the country, but ventures to submit that it will be in conformity with the object of His Royal Highness' gracious visit to India to acquire personal knowledge of country and its peoples, to visit the Exhibition of indigenous products, arts, and industries, His Royal Highness' kind solicitude for which is well known and gratefully recognised, and which is organised by Indian National Congress, a loyal body representing all sections of His Majesty's Indian subjects, and the intellectual product of British rule. Congress anxious for opportunity to testify devoted loyalty of educated Indians by giving cordial and enthusiastic welcome to Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Exhibition which could be arranged by changing date of arrival at Calcutta to 30th or by earlier departure from Lucknow to reach Benares before sunset. Exhibition buildings face Kashi Station and are beyond limits of City and Cantonment. Suitable arrangements shall be made for reception of Their Royal Highnesses. Committee keenly anxious for this honour, more so because Exhibition will have been closed by time of Prince's visit in February.

Copy submitted to His Honour Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.

No. 234.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Camp Gwalior, 21st December 1905, 9-30 a. m.

Your telegram *re* Benares Exhibition. I have already informed Chairman that programme for Lucknow and Calcutta cannot be altered.

No. 235.

FROM H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieut.-Governor of Bengal.

Belvedere, Calcutta, December 21st, 1905.

MY DEAR LORD MINTO,

When you saw me driving away from Government House yesterday morning, I had just been looking in on Major Adam, to talk to him about the

proposal to take His Royal Highness to Barrackpore by motor. The police are a little exercised about it, and would rather not have the journey done in this way.

I believe in this case, as in the University case, that there is really only infinitesimal risk of any attempt to insult His Royal Highness. But this case differs from the other in that we cannot take equally effective precautions against such an attempt.

It is very difficult to judge what some misguided student or schoolboy might feel impelled to do. The leaders of this miserable movement now feel that the students are not so easy to control as to excite. So I feel that it might be better not to take His Royal Highness through the north of the city in a motor.

To go up by boat and come down by rail seems to me the most pleasant way of doing the run to Barrackpore. I mentioned this to Adam yesterday.

I write to Your Excellency now to let you understand my attitude about this case.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. H. L. FRASER.

No. 236.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Seceretary to Viceroy.

Telegram, Camp Gwalior, 22nd December 1905, 2-30 p. m.

Their Royal Highnesses would like, if time and circumstances permit, to visit Museum and see collection, but do not wish to pledge themselves or to make any binding engagement.

No. 237.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

H. M. S. "Renown," Saugor Roads, January 9th, 1906.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

It was with feelings of sincere regret that we took leave of you and Lady Minto this morning at Calcutta. Apart from the personal friendship, which

I hope I may be allowed to say I have for you both, our visit, thanks to your great kindness and unfailing thoughtfulness, has been so delightful that we were both truly sad that it had come to an end so quickly. I wish particularly to express my deep sense of gratitude to you for the regard and consideration which you invariably showed me while we were in Calcutta. My first wish was to do everything in my power to recognise and support your high position as Viceroy. Every arrangement for the various functions in which we took part were admirable. And nothing that could conduce to our comfort and happiness was forgotten while we enjoyed your hospitality. I particularly wish to express our warm thanks to all the members of your Staff (who, I think, are all charming) who did so much for us all and in such a pleasant way.

I do from the bottom of my heart wish you all success in the great position which you now hold; you have indeed many difficulties before you. But I feel certain that you will be able to cope with and overcome them. Please God that you may both have the health to complete your time in India and by your administration give happiness and prosperity to this great Empire.

I shall follow events with keen interest and sympathy.

With renewed thanks to you and Lady Minto, and trusting that Lady Violet will soon be quite well,

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 237a.

*Extract from a letter from H. H. Sir H. Thirkell White, K. C. I. E.,
Lieutenant-Governor of Burma, to the Viceroy, dated 13th January 1906.*

I have had the pleasure of reporting by telegram the safe arrival and landing of Their Royal Highnesses. We were fortunate in the weather; and I am assured that Their Royal Highnesses are satisfied with the arrangements for their entertainment.

No. 238.

Lieutenant-Governor, Burma, to Viceroy.

Telegram, Rangoon, 13th January 1906, 1-20 p. m.

19-C. I beg to report to Your Excellency the arrival and landing of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Rangoon. I am authorised to add that Their Royal Highnesses greatly appreciated the enthusiastic and beautiful reception.

No. 238a.

Extract from a letter from H. E. the Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Governor of Madras, to the Viceroy, dated 15th January 1906.

I am so glad that the Royal visit to Calcutta was such a complete success, and that there was no hitch or unpleasantness. It must be a great relief to you that all is well over, and I congratulate you very much on the result. It will soon be our turn, and I only hope that we shall not suffer by comparison with other places. I wonder whether you received General Beatson's absurd circular telegrams before the Royal visit, and whether they annoyed you as much as they have been annoying me? He may have made an exception in favour of the Viceroy, but he treated the Governors and Lieutenant-Governors as if they were unacquainted with the ways of English society, and as if they had never seen a Royalty before! I thought it best, however, to make no complaint, and merely told my Military Secretary to file the telegrams as curiosities.

No. 238b.

R.

FROM H. E. THE VISCOUNT KITCHENER, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief in India.

Calcutta, January 17th, 1906.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Birdwood has received the enclosed* from the Resident at Hyderabad *re* my proposed visit to Secunderabad. I was only going to be present there at

* Returned to Lord Kitchener with letter, dated 18th January 1906.

the review of the troops before the Prince, in order that the Madras Army might not be led to think that the Northern Command and troops were the only portion of the Army recognised by Head-Quarters as representing the Army in India.

The term "spectator" was only used by me to General Egerton in the military sense, *viz.*, that I would not take command of the troops on parade.

I think on the whole I better not go, as the Resident does not wish it, and I should be saved a rather unpleasant journey; but I should like to have your opinion on the matter, as I have already informed the Prince of Wales that I would meet him there.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) KITCHENER.

No. 239.

Lieutenant-Governor, Burma, to Viceroy.

Telegram, Mandalay. 17th January 1906, 7-55 a. m.

I beg to report to Your Excellency the arrival and reception of Their Royal Highnesses at Mandalay.

No. 240.

R.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Prince of Wales's Camp, India,
January 18th, 1906.

[Private.]

MY DEAR DUNLOP,

Lord Ampthill recommends for knighthood for services rendered in connection with the Prince's reception in Madras—Mr. H. C. King, a Solicitor, and the Hon'ble V. C. Desikachari. He writes in high terms of both gentlemen; and unless the Viceroy sees any objection, His Royal Highness would like to create them Knights Bachelor, provided of course that the reception is all that can be desired. Would you send me a wire to Madras saying whether His Excellency agrees?

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 241.

Lieutenant-Governor, Burma, to Viceroy.

Telegram, Rangoon, 21st January 1906.

23. I beg to report to Your Excellency the return of Their Royal Highnesses to Rangoon and their embarkation on H. M. S. *Renown*. Their Royal Highnesses were graciously pleased to express themselves much gratified with their tour in Burma.

No. 242.

FROM H. H. SIR H. THIRKELL WHITE, K. C. I. E., Lieut.-Governor of Burma.

Govt. House, Rangoon, January 21st, 1906.

DEAR LORD MINTO,

I think it possible that Your Excellency may wish to receive from me a brief account of the visit to Burma of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived in Rangoon on the morning of the 13th January and received an enthusiastic welcome from all classes of the community. An address on behalf of the people of Rangoon and Lower Burma was read by one of the two Burmese Members of the local Legislative Council; and His Royal Highness graciously replied. The procession to Government House passed through decorated streets and arches erected by different sections of the population. One of the most interesting features was the collection, at one point of the route, of some 15,000 or 16,000 school children. These were all safely brought to the stands erected for them, and safely restored to their homes and schools after the procession had passed.

Their Royal Highnesses and suite were accommodated at Government House.

In the afternoon the Prince and Princess visited the new Victoria Memorial Park, and the Prince declared it open. There was a large gathering of natives of Burma and India, the general public being freely admitted to parts of the grounds.

In the evening there was a dinner, followed by a reception, at Government House, the principal officials and non-officials being present.

Sunday, January 14th.—Their Royal Highnesses attended Divine Service at the Cathedral. In the afternoon they paid a private visit to the Shwe Dagon Pagoda, one of the most sacred Buddhist religious buildings in the world. There were many Burmans present, though the visit was purely informal.

Monday, January 15th.—The morning was occupied by a private visit to the timber yard of the Bombay-Burma Trading Corporation, where an interesting display of elephants working timber was provided.

In the afternoon Their Royal Highnesses were present at a Garden Party at Government House which was attended by Shan Chiefs and Burmese and Native official and non-official gentlemen. Some representatives of the ex-Royal family of Burma, as well as a good number of Burmese ladies, were present, besides European ladies and gentlemen. The Shan Chiefs were specially presented to Their Royal Highnesses, as well as Burmese and Indian gentlemen and ladies. A special feature of the afternoon was the presence of a considerable number of members of wild tribes from remote parts of the Shan States. Many of these had not previously visited Rangoon or seen a railway.

In the evening the beautiful lakes and gardens of Dalhousie Park were illuminated. It was very unfortunate that there was a heavy shower of rain early in the evening. But the effect, though less brilliant than we had hoped, was still very fine.

On Monday night, Their Royal Highnesses left by train for Mandalay. The Railway Company made very good arrangements; but owing to limitation of time, the speed was somewhat more rapid than was desirable, and I am afraid the night journey was not very comfortable. At the halting places for breakfast and luncheon, buildings had been put up by local people, designed and decorated in Burmese style.

At Mandalay, the reception, organized by a local Committee, was as cordial and enthusiastic as, if less elaborate than, in Rangoon.

Wednesday, 17th.—Their Royal Highnesses visited several sights of interest in Mandalay, including the Palace. There were Shan and Burmese boat-races on the moat which surrounds the city and beside which are the grounds of Government House. Some lake-men from the Shan States who row with their legs in a curious way were much appreciated.

After seeing some Burmese dramatic shows after dinner, the Prince and Princess embarked on the *Japan*, one of the large steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. This was very comfortably arranged and fitted up. No halts were made except at Pakokku, where a slight accident to the machinery detained the vessel for a few hours, and at Paunglin, where the Prince went

out duck-shooting on Friday afternoon. Although the bag was not very large, I think the duck-shoot, as to which I had some misgivings, was a success, and that His Royal Highness enjoyed himself.

The *Japan* reached Prome last evening, and after dinner Their Royal Highnesses came on by train to Rangoon. The journey was performed in comfort. At about half-past eight this morning the Prince and Princess left to embark on the *Renown*.

During the two night journeys by train, the whole length of the railway line was watched by people of the districts through which it passes, and it was lighted throughout.

As I have already reported to Your Excellency by telegram, Their Royal Highnesses seem to have enjoyed their tour in Burma. So far as I observed or have heard, there were no mishaps. The heat in Rangoon was, however, somewhat trying.

I think the Police arrangements were very satisfactory. Colonel Peile, Inspector-General, and Mr. McDonnell, Commissioner of Police in Rangoon, were responsible for them.

Mr. Gates, my Chief Secretary, was in general charge of the arrangements for the tour. An enormous amount of work devolved upon him; and to him is due the largest share of the credit for such success as was attained. Apart from my personal staff, to whom I am much indebted, Mr. Lawrie in Rangoon and Major Strickland in Mandalay were most helpful. Mr. Carey, Superintendent of the Shan States, was in charge of Chiefs and wild men, and contributed greatly to the success of our entertainments both in Rangoon and in Mandalay.

I trust it is not out of place for me to say that it has been a real pleasure to all of us to do anything for Their Royal Highnesses. I am sure, also, that the political effect of the Royal visit has been excellent and will be lasting. The Burmese greatly appreciated the visit of Their Royal Highnesses to the Pagodas at Rangoon and Mandalay, where large numbers of Buddhists had an opportunity of seeing them, and where the Prince and Princess showed that they were much interested in the place and in the people. The presence of the Shan Chiefs and their followers will spread the good effect to distant parts of the Province.

Believe me, &c.,

(Sd.) HERBERT THIRKELL WHITE.

No. 243.

R.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Madras, 26th January 1906.

Lord Ampthill recommends Mr. H. C. King and Hon'ble V. C. Desikachari for knighthood for services rendered in connection with the Prince's visit to Madras. His Royal Highness is satisfied that they have earned proposed rewards and will, unless Viceroy objects, confer knighthood. Please send urgent reply, as tomorrow is last day.

No. 243a.

Prince of Wales to Viceroy.

Telegram, Kharapur, 31st January 1906, 7-57 p. m.

We both sincerely thank you and Lady Minto for your kind sympathy.

No. 243b.

Extract from a letter from S. M. Fraser, Esq., C. I. E., Resident at Mysore, to Private Secretary to Viceroy, dated 31st January 1906.

So far the Royal visit has been the greatest success.

P. S. (February 1st).—Since writing the above I have seen a letter—"South Mysore Notes"—in the last *Madras Mail* to hand, which will show that Mr. Elliott's views do not meet with acceptance from all his brother-planters.

The elephant drive last evening was a perfect success, and six months' work culminated in bringing the beasts to the Kheddah absolutely to the hour.

[*Sketch not reproduced.*]

The elephants entered the river at 7 p. m. and moved up the stream seeking their usual paths to climb the opposite bank, and finding each of these blocked passed below Their Royal Highnesses' first position (1) until they came to (2), where the opening from the river was left unblocked to form the gate of the Kheddah, and the beasts passed in. The Prince and Princess walked along the bank just behind the herd till they came to (2), where a platform

had been erected, and they saw the elephants go into the Kheddah. When the last one had entered, the Prince pulled a wire and the gate fell, completing the capture. No Viceroy or visitor has ever seen this before.

In haste.

No. 244.

FROM H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Bangalore, February 6th, 1906.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Many thanks for your kind letter received this morning, and for the sympathy which you express with us, at the sad and sudden death of the dear old King of Denmark. We were all greatly devoted to him, and I fear my mother will feel his loss most deeply. Although we are in mourning, we have to keep our engagements, otherwise great disappointment would be caused and large expenditure of money wasted. Everything connected with our tour continues to go successfully. We were greatly interested with the Khedda at Mysore, where we saw 36 wild elephants caught and tied up, everything was extremely well arranged. I am glad to hear that the Military organisation question has been referred to a small Committee, and I trust that, in spite of the House of Commons criticisms, we may soon hear that it has been satisfactorily settled. By this mail the King writes—"I do hope that Lord Kitchener and the present Viceroy will satisfactorily settle together the difficulties which arose between him and Lord Curzon—as it is of the highest importance for the welfare of the country." I did see an extract in one of the Indian papers, from the *Daily Mail*, referring to the interview between Dr. Fitchett and Lord Kitchener, but did not believe it, knowing how much Lord Kitchener dislikes the Press. Now you explain the matter. I can quite imagine how furious he must be, at the underhand way in which his views have been made public. I only hope it will not damage his cause. The more I hear, the greater his misrepresentation by his opponents seems to have been, and I know they are working with Lord Curzon in England with all their might, press and all. I hope the tour on which you have just started will give you a little rest. With many kind messages to Lady Minto, your daughters, and your Staff,

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE.

No. 245.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., &c., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Hyderabad, February 10th, 1906.

MY DEAR LORD MINTO,

The Prince of Wales desires me to write to you on the following matter. His Royal Highness, anxious to recognise the services of those officers who, though not belonging to his permanent staff, have been attached for duty during his stay in India, applied to the King for permission for the following honours to be recommended for His Majesty's approval.

By today's mail I have received a letter from Lord Knollys from which I make the following extract :

“The King approves of—

Sir W. Lawrence being G. C. I. E.

General Beatson, K. C. S. I.

but he must be an extra one, as there is no vacancy you say.”

I believe I was correct in saying so when I wrote.

“Lieutenant-Colonel Charles being K. C. V. O.

Major Grimston, }
„ Campbell, } C. I. E.'s.
„ Watson, }

Captain Wigram having a Brevet-Majority, as he is already a M. V. O.

Admiral Poë, K. C. V. O.

The King is afraid he cannot give the three Majors the C. V. O., owing to their rank in the Army.” [I had asked from the Prince that an exception might be made in their favour, as they are very senior Majors.]

“Now who is going to ‘work’ the Indian Orders and the Brevet-Majority, you through Lord Minto or I through the Secretary of State for India?”

His Royal Highness has directed me to telegraph to Knollys and ask that we may both “work” it concurrently, asking you if you will kindly sanction the G. C. I. E. for Lawrence, K. C. S. I. for Beatson, the C. I. E.'s for the three Majors, and the *Brevet-Majority for Wigram*, while Knollys approaches the Secretary of State.

I am wiring to Knollys accordingly. If these honours are finally approved, it would be very satisfactory if they were gazetted just before Their Royal Highnesses sailed from Karachi, say on Saturday, March 17th. Your Excellency will have remembered that His Royal Highness is going to give General Duff the K. C. V. O. at Karachi.

The Prince leaves for a Shooting Camp tonight. The Princess and a few of us remain here. Unfortunately the Nizam's favourite daughter died yesterday, and the Banquet at the Palace has been abandoned.

I was going to write to Lady Minto next week.

Believe me, yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 246.

Sir W. Lawrence to Private Secretary to Viceroy.

* Telegram, Prince of Wales's Camp, 12th February 1906.

Your cipher telegram of 10th February. Prince of Wales reluctant to make any change in tour programme, but in such a matter is willing to leave himself entirely in the hands of the King, the Cabinet, and the Viceroy.

No. 247.

Sir A. Bigge to Viceroy.

Telegram, Prince of Wales's Camp, 17th February 1906.

Prince very grateful for your concurrence. If necessary insignia are not in India, would you kindly arrange for their despatch from England by next mail?

No. 248.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Benares, 19th February 1906.

Owing to outbreak of cholera in Nepal Shooting Camp Prince of Wales has decided not to visit Nepal. Availing himself of an oft-repeated invitation, he will return with very reduced party to Gwalior, leaving Benares on 21st.

He may stay in Gwalior till 7th March, or if Nepal be reported immune, he may proceed thither for a week's shooting. Other engagements remain unaltered.

Repeated Foreign.

No. 249.

FROM H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Prince of Wales's Camp, February 19th, 1906.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

I have refrained from troubling you with suggestions which have occurred to me on our tour, but there is one point on which I venture to write, as I think you would like to have the matter brought to your notice. It has been recommended by the Local Government that the Maharaja of Benares should be given Ruling powers, and as far as I can ascertain, though he is not a Ruling Chief, he is accorded the honours of one. I gather that he is always called upon to entertain high personages when they visit Benares, and judging from my own experience he does this most willingly and liberally. Unless there be strong reasons against it, I personally should be glad if the Maharaja's position could be improved in the manner suggested by the Local Government. I am sure you will understand how bitterly disappointed I am, that it is impossible to go to Nepal, and that the shooting there to which I have been looking forward for months cannot be, on account of cholera having broken out in the enormous camp which has been formed there, it is really bad luck. I shall probably now go to Gwalior for a few days instead, as the Maharaja Sindhia has kindly asked me. The Princess goes to Lucknow. We had a tremendous thunderstorm with very heavy rain here last night. I see your shooting was spoilt by rain. I got three tigers and a panther in Hyderabad.

With kind messages to Lady Minto,

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 250.

FROM SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Prince of Wales's Camp, February 21st, 1906.

[Private.]

MY DEAR DUNLOP,

Thank you for your letter about young Deane. It is very good of you to have done your best.

I am writing by His Royal Highness's order to Foreign Office, asking that Native titles should be conferred on certain deserving members of our Native Staff. The Prince is desperately anxious to hand the Sanads in person to the recipients, but I wish, if His Excellency grants these titles, you would consider the point with Dane. Three of the men recommended are Police Detectives; I have kept them in the background, and it may be wise, if the Viceroy agrees to their getting titles, to postpone the public announcement and delivery of Sanads till the next half year's honours list. The Prince, in wishing them good-bye, might tell them that they will receive titles at the next half year's list. I want to avoid the criticism that the Prince has been over-policed.

His Royal Highness proposes, with the Viceroy's approval, to confer K. C. V. O's. on Upcott for Railways and Stuart for Police. A letter or telegram "K. C. V. O's. approved" would be sufficient.

Yours ever,

(Sd.) WALTER LAWRENCE.

No. 251.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 22nd February 1906, 12-40 p. m. (Recd. 22nd, 10 p. m.)

Private. Your private telegram of 20th instant. Honours for Prince of Wales's suite. No submission of names has been made by me to King. I therefore do not quite understand your use of the word "Approved." I am making enquiries here; meantime please take no action until you hear again from me.

No. 252.

R.

*Extract from letter from the Secretary of State to the Viceroy, dated
23rd February 1906.*

The question of the honours for the people who served the Prince of Wales in India needs a little thought as to form, if not also as to substance. I am not quite clear how the matter was actually brought before you. The point seems to arise what recommendation His Majesty approves. Without the recommendation of a Minister, such approval seems not in accord with either principle or practice, and in this particular kind of case I believe that the exclusive channel of recommendation is through the Secretary of State.

As for the substance of the question, from what I hear of Lawrence's record—excellent as in many ways it seems to be, and when I look through the list of men on whom the honour now proposed for him has been conferred—I confess it strikes me as a little excessive. However, the more important aspect of the thing is the regard due to regularity in the exact mode of proceeding.

No. 253.

*Extract from letter from H. E. the Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E.,
Governor of Bombay, to Viceroy, dated 1st March 1906.*

Royal Visit.

I trust your Government will meet our surplus expenditure in connection with the above. I assure you it covers nothing but essentials, and I have omitted items of considerable amount which might justifiably have been included. Curzon sent down a special officer to check our estimates, but he went back like Balaam to Simla and said that they were too low. Brodrick, I think, told you that generosity (I should say fair treatment) might be shown to us.

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If there is to be a special batch of honours for the Military in connection with the Royal visit, I should like to bear testimony to the thorough arrangements of General Greenfield here in Bombay City.

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I presume you have considered whether there should not be some generous act of widespread effect to commemorate the Royal visit. It will be more than a pity if something is not done to meet Native ideas and feelings on such an occasion. I think Curzon should have kept back his last remission of the salt-tax for the purpose. Now your surplus is not apparently large enough to be of general application. Even the release of first offenders would be something. The utterances of our Press here show how important the subject is.

No. 254.

Sir A. Bigge to Private Secy. to Viceroy.

Telegram, Gwalior, 4th March 1906.

This morning the Prince of Wales visited the Maharaja of Gwalior's Famine Relief. Upwards of 6,000 men, women, and children are employed.

No. 255.

R.

Sir A. Bigge to Viceroy.

Telegram, Prince of Wales' Camp, 6th March 1906, 9-5 a. m. (Recd. 10-45 a. m.)

Prince of Wales, anxious to recognise admirable services of Telegraph Department, suggests knighthood or C. V. O. to Director-General, but wishes for your advice. Postmaster-General gets C. V. O., but he is already a Knight.

No. 256.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 6th March 1906, 1-25 p. m. (Recd. 10-30 p. m.)

Private. Your telegram of March 1st. Indian honours for Prince of Wales' suite approved with addition of K. C. S. I. for Sir A. Bigge, which must be absorbed, and C. S. I. for Captain Tyrwhitt. Insignia for Beatson sent by mail of February 23rd. Will gazette here March 17th. Will telegraph again as to English honours.

No. 257.

R.

Extract from telegram from Secretary of State to Viceroy, dated 7th March 1906.

Private. Following from Lord Curzon :--

Telegram begins. Barouches were not lent, but sold to Government by Lord Curzon for use of His Royal Highness Prince of Wales. Government was to sell again at end. Adam understands.

No. 258.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 7th March 1906, 10-40 p. m. (Recd. 8th, 7 a. m.)

Private. My private telegram of March 6th. Honours. Question of gazetting Victorian Order appointments has been referred to King. It seems possible that decision will be to defer publication of English honours, including knighthoods, till Prince's return.

Meantime please send by post with little delay as possible for the purpose of Gazette, first, complete list of appointments to the Victorian Order, giving full names and titles in order of precedence: I understand information furnished from time to time to Privy Purse Office through Bigge is not sufficiently full; secondly, complete list of knighthoods, stating whether they have been dubbed or require patents.

No. 259.

R.

Secretary of State to Viceroy.

* Telegram, 13th March 1906, 3-20 p. m. (Recd. 14th, 6 a. m.)

Private. My private telegram of March 7th. Honours. King's Commands as to publication are as follows: *viz.*, all who have been decorated or have received distinctions in connection with the visit are to be included in one Gazette, which is to be published as soon after the arrival of Prince of Wales in England as possible. Publication of Indian honours will, therefore, be deferred. Please expedite despatch of complete lists asked for in my telegram of the 7th instant.

No. 260.

FROM COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., Private Secy. to H. R. H.
the Prince of Wales.

Prince of Wales's Camp, India, March 18th, 1906.

MY DEAR LORD MINTO,

The Prince of Wales is so busy that he knows you will excuse his not answering your letter of the 9th instant until he gets on board ship.

He desires me to thank you for sending Lord Francis Scott to convey Lady Minto's and your own farewells and good wishes to the Princess and himself. His Royal Highness is much gratified by your very kind and generous allusions to his visit to India, and to the good results which you foretell will accrue from it.

I am sending with this an official farewell letter from His Royal Highness for publication, but on the understanding that you suppress any sentence, line or word of it which you think had better not be made public.

The Prince and Princess are truly sorry to leave India. The whole tour has been so successful and happy, with the exception of the enforced abandonment of the Nepal shoot. I can assure you that His Royal Highness bore what was really a terrible disappointment most good-naturedly. He went to Gwalior, and even after six blank days was always cheery and was rewarded by bagging five tigers in the last two days! It was, I know, a real pleasure to Their Royal Highnesses to again find themselves under your most comfortable roof, and their stay with Your Excellencies was a very happy time.

The Prince has been thoroughly interested in all the Indian questions which have come before him; and I do trust that he may be able to help you and India—even though it be in a small degree—in days to come.

The appointments of the two Secretaries of Government seem to be generally approved among the few military men I have met. At all events no one can question their ability. I hear that the new head of the Staff College is an excellent man.

Will you please thank Lady Minto for her very kind letter, and

believe me, yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) ARTHUR BIGGE.

No. 261.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Viceroy.

Telegram, Karachi, 19th March 1906.

Our grateful thanks to you and Lady Minto for your kind congratulations and good wishes. Most kind of you sending Lord Francis Scott on your behalf. It is with deep regret that we leave the shores of India this evening after 18 weeks' happy experiences of this great country and its people, which will never fade from our memories. We again thank you for your great kindness and bid you farewell.

No. 262.

Sir Walter Lawrence to Viceroy.

Telegram, Prince of Wales' Camp, Karachi, 19th March 1906.

The Staff, to whom I have shown your gracious telegram, desires to join with me in thanking Your Excellency and Lady Minto for your kind wishes and for all that you have done to make this tour happy and successful.

No. 263.

FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Prince of Wales' Camp, India, March 19th, 1906.

MY DEAR VICEROY,

It is with much regret that the Princess of Wales and I leave India today. From time to time in my speeches or in letters to various local authorities I have endeavoured to express our sincere gratitude for all the labour and affectionate good-will which have been so freely bestowed upon us by all classes. I hope that these expressions of appreciation, made while the events were fresh, will have assured our most kind hosts in various parts of India that their reception and welcome had given us intense pleasure and satisfaction. But now that we are leaving the shores of this great Empire, I wish to assure you that the arrangements made by the various Departments, both of the Government and of the local authorities, have been in every way admirably planned and successfully carried out. In the first place, I desire to express my gratitude for all the pains devoted to what has proved to be an excellent and successful programme for our stay in India.

I was especially delighted to have had an opportunity of visiting several of the great Indian Princes, and of becoming personally acquainted with the other Ruling Chiefs whose capitals we were unable to visit. I have thus gained some insight into the administration of their respective States. I am deeply grateful for their generous hospitality and their marked courtesy to us. But I was still more impressed by their sincere expressions of loyalty to the Throne and of personal affection to the King-Emperor.

We know, of course, how greatly our visit has added to the labours and anxieties of the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Local Administrators, and we are all the more grateful for the cordial welcome which we received at every Government House. But greatly as we appreciated the good-will and most effective efforts of the authorities to make our visit to each place pleasant and instructive, the feature which most profoundly impressed us was the spontaneous and affectionate enthusiasm of the thousands and hundreds of thousands who have welcomed us and made us feel at home in our progress through India.

As regards the Departments on which so much extra work has been involved, we are grateful to the various sanitary authorities for the arrangements which have enabled our large party to travel from one end of India to the other without sickness, though unhappily our route has passed through infected centres.

I cannot speak too highly of the Railway authorities on whom so much of our comfort has depended. All lines have vied with one another, and have succeeded in making our journey smooth and restful; and all have been absolutely punctual. It might interest you to know that we have travelled over 8,800 miles by train alone.

I have been struck with the working of the Police and with the manner in which the huge crowds, which have everywhere gathered to welcome us, have been handled. It is a great satisfaction to the Princess and myself to know that on such occasions there has been practically no loss of life, nor serious accidents, and we are especially happy to have noticed absence of violence or rough usage.

I also had the opportunity of inspecting a Famine Camp, in which I was deeply interested. Everything that I saw convinced me of the earnest endeavours made to save life and to mitigate the sufferings of those who were compelled to seek refuge in the camp.

I am glad that I was able to be present with my friend, Lord Kitchener, at the manoeuvres of the largest army which has ever been assembled during peace time in India; and that at the Reviews at Rawalpindi and Secunderabad, and at Parades elsewhere, I have seen almost every unit of the army in this country.

It was a pleasure to see the fine physique, good training, and general military fitness of the British and Indian troops. I had always heard of the grand traditions of the Indian Army, and I have had ample proof that the same old spirit inspires all ranks today.

I am proud to feel that the King has honoured me by making me Colonel-in-Chief of nine regiments of the Indian Army, as I have thus become personally and directly associated with the different classes of which that army is composed.

At Lahore, and in those Native States which we visited, I had opportunities of seeing the Imperial Service Troops, and I was struck with their workman-like appearance and quickness on Parade. I am sure that you will appreciate the action of those Princes who have consented to reduce the number of their local troops in order to contribute the defences of the country a military force of greater efficiency and more adequately equipped.

I have no doubt that, as time goes on and their circumstances permit, other Indian Princess will adopt a similar policy.

I noticed everywhere the keen spirit which seemed to animate the whole army, and a general striving towards efficiency and readiness to take the field. The important development of the Transport Service will, I am assured, largely contribute to this end.

We are both genuinely sorry that our visit to India has now come to an end. We shall never forget the affectionate greetings of India and Burma. Everywhere we found the same loving regard for the late Queen-Empress, the same loyal devotion to my dear father, and the same kind and enthusiastic welcome to ourselves. So long as we live we shall remember India with feelings of warm gratitude and sympathy. I hope that this visit, which has involved so much labour and anxiety on your Government, will, under God's providence, be fraught with benefit to India.

We wish you, and all who are in authority under you, Godspeed in your great work. We wish for the Indian people immunity from famine and pestilence, steady progress in agriculture and industries, and a safe and natural advance in social conditions.

It is a great pleasure and satisfaction to the Princess and myself to have, within five years, stayed with you and Lady Minto while you held the high positions of representing your Sovereign in Canada and in India. I heartily wish that every success may attend you in your arduous and responsible duties.

Believe me,

MY DEAR VICEROY,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 264.

Sir Arthur Bigge to Viceroy.

Telegram, Karachi, 19th March 1906.

Sincerest thanks to Your Excellencies for your good wishes. May every blessing and prosperity attend you.

No. 264a.

FROM H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

H. M. S. "Renown" at Sea, Karachi to Aden,

March 21st, 1906.

[Private.]

MY DEAR VICEROY,

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of farewell which Lord Francis Scott brought me at Karachi. I regret I was too busy to answer it there before we left India, although I managed to send you my official letter for publication, which I hope you approved of. Lawrence, Bigge, and I spent some little time over it. I am delighted at all you say about our visit being a success. If it should have done any lasting good to the country and tended to strengthen the ties between the Sovereign and the people of India, we shall be more than rewarded for any hard work or fatigue which we may have undergone. I cannot say how much I appreciate the courtesy and readiness with which you and your Government have agreed to any request with regard to honours, titles, and payments for those various members of my staff, that I was anxious to recognise in some way for their valuable services. Everyone seemed much pleased with the decorations which the King allowed me to confer upon them on the 19th before leaving Karachi. We did indeed spend a happy and delightful time in India, and now that it is over it seems like a dream; when it came to saying good-bye, the Princess and I felt very sad, but at the same time it is pleasant to think of the many kind and good friends we made in India. The fact that you and Lady Minto were in India and were again able to receive us as your guests, as you did in Canada five years ago, was an immense pleasure and a great help to us. Of course, I very much realise the advantage which I have gained by coming to India, and as you say looking behind the scenes at a time of such special interest in the history of the country. I read both your and Mr. Morley's despatches with great interest,

and I should like to congratulate you on the satisfactory termination of a difficult and awkward question. I am sure that with you and Kitchener working together, the new machinery will work smoothly and effectively, and will produce a more efficient Army ready to go on active service at any time. As I told you before, it was a terrible disappointment having to give up the shooting in Nepal, but at the same time I enjoyed my stay with Scindia (whom I like very much) and had capital sport. Altogether during the time we were in India I was lucky enough to kill 18 tigers and 4 panthers, which, I think, was a very good bag considering the few times I was out. With regard to what I have said above in thanking you and the Government, I would ask you to kindly convey this message to your colleagues.

The Princess and I bid you and Lady Minto farewell, and in doing so I wish to assure you both of our sincere friendship. We shall follow with great sympathy your work in India, and we pray that every blessing may attend you and yours during the time that lies before you.

Believe me, my dear Viceroy,

Most sincerely yours,

(Sd.) GEORGE P.

No. 265.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Viceroy.

Telegram, 24th March 1906.

On leaving last place in Indian territory, we must again thank you and the people of India for all the kindness we have received and which will never fade from our memories.

No. 266.

FROM THE HON'BLE SIR DENZIL IBBETSON, K. C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR DUNLOP SMITH,

I cordially concur in His Excellency's draft telegram to His Royal Highness, and in the proposal to publish the correspondence.

I am, yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) DENZIL IBBETSON.

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No. 267.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. H. ERLE RICHARDS, K. C., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Calcutta, March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR DUNLOP,

I have read the letter from His Royal Highness and the reply which His Excellency proposes to send to it. I beg to respectfully concur in the terms of that reply and in the action proposed to be taken in publishing it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. ERLE RICHARDS.

No. 268.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. J. P. HEWETT, C. S. I., C. I. E., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Calcutta, March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR DUNLOP SMITH,

I cordially endorse His Excellency's proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.

No. 269.

FROM THE HON'BLE MR. E. N. BAKER, C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Calcutta, March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR DUNLOP SMITH,

I venture to think that the publication of the correspondence between His Excellency and his Royal Highness, which you have kindly sent me, will produce an excellent impression.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. N. BAKER.

No. 270.

FROM THE HON'BLE SIR A. T. ARUNDEL, K. C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.

Calcutta, March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR DUNLOP SMITH,

I have read with much interest the admirably conceived and affectionately expressed letter of farewell which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has addressed to the Viceroy, and I need not say that I am in entire agreement with the reply which His Excellency proposes to send, and with his intention to publish the correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. T. ARUNDEL.

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LETTERS AND TELEGRMS DESPATCHED.

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No. 296a.

Earl of Minto to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Telegram, 17th November 1905.

Lady Minto and I are deeply grateful for Your Royal Highnesses' kind wishes, and much look forward to welcoming Your Royal Highnesses to Calcutta.

No. 297.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir W. R. Lawrence, Prince of Wales' Camp.

* Telegram, Bombay, 18th November 1905.

Following telegram from Secretary of State to Lord Curzon :—

Begins. Arrangements were made with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by Prime Minister direct and action taken was not reported to this office. I heard of it today for the first time. I regret inconvenience caused by omission to keep you informed. Please inform me if your suggestion is accepted by His Royal Highness. Warrants empowering His Royal Highness to hold Investitures of the two Indian Orders have been issued. *Ends.*

His Excellency was informed by Lord Curzon that suggestion referred to is that Viceroy should obtain an assurance from you that His Royal Highness will not exercise prerogative of conferring distinction in any case without prior reference to Viceroy. His Excellency considers this suggestion advisable, and hopes it will be acceptable to His Royal Highness.

No. 298.

To COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., Private Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Govt. House, Bombay, November 19th, 1905.

[Private.]

MY DEAR BIGGE,

I only write you a few lines as to a matter about which I telegraphed to Lawrence. I am not sure who is my official channel of correspondence with

His Royal Highness. I should naturally have wired to you, but I understand Lawrence is Chief of Staff while in India, so am sure you will understand and correct me if I am wrong.

The point I referred was a telegram received by Curzon from Brodrick just before he left, as to the right conferred on His Royal Highness to grant Knighthoods.

Brodrick's telegram states that he had no knowledge of this right, which had been arranged between the King and the Prime Minister, but that he agreed with Curzon's suggestion that the Viceroy should be consulted as to any candidate His Royal Highness proposed to honour.

In this I certainly agree, as it would not appear to me right that honours should be given unbeknown to the Viceroy, and possibly as it might seem to the public on advice which might be open to criticism.

I am sure I need not tell you how very pleased I am that authority as above has been conferred on His Royal Highness, and am only anxious that such honours should be devoid of all chance of criticism, or that if there is any criticism as to advice it should fall on the Viceroy.

We are being roasted here, and shall be glad to leave for Calcutta tomorrow.

I am so looking forward to hearing many things from you, and to having a good talk.

Always yours ever,

(Sd.) R. MINTO.

No. 299.

R.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence.

* Telegram, 25th November 1905, 12 noon.

Please see my Bombay telegram of 18th. Viceroy finds difficulty with New Year Honours. When may I expect a reply?

No. 300.

To H. H. RISLEY, Esq., C. S. I., C. I. E., Secretary to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Govt. House, Calcutta, November 27th, 1905.

MY DEAR RISLEY,

In a letter just received from Sir W. Lawrence he makes the following request:—"His Royal Highness wishes to see Native Press comments on the "tour. Could you ask Home Department to send me regularly the extracts from "the Native Press which are compiled for His Excellency? Perhaps during the "visit of Their Royal Highnesses, a special section might be devoted to comments "on the tour." Viceroy hopes you will be able to arrange this. I confess the last sentence is rather obscure.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

No. 301.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence.

Telegram, 28th November 1905, 7-45 p. m.

Your yesterday's telegram. Viceroy has modified programme in accordance with Their Royal Highnesses' wishes. Dinner with Chief will now be on 3rd January, and Foreign will arrange for the three return visits as suggested. Dane will inform you of details later.

No. 302.

R.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir W. Lawrence.

* Telegram, 29th November 1905, 1-30 p. m.

Lord Kitchener has asked if Viceroy agrees to his inviting Scindia and Alwar to manœuvres as his private guests. Viceroy agrees on condition that they have only status of private guests and they take no following. Viceroy presumes Chief has already ascertained that Their Royal Highnesses have no objection to meeting these Chiefs at manœuvres.

No. 303.

To SIR L. W. DANE, K. C. I. E., C. S. I., Secretary to Govt., Foreign Dept.

Govt. House, Calcutta, November 29th, 1905.

MY DEAR DANE,

Yours of last night about the proposed invitation to be sent by the Commander-in-Chief to the Maharajas of Gwalior and Alwar. His Excellency agrees to the Commander-in-Chief inviting Scindia and Alwar on the understanding that they are to be asked as entirely private guests of His Excellency and that their following is strictly confined to body servants. The Viceroy presumes that it has been ascertained that His Royal Highness has no objection to the presence of these Chiefs in His Excellency's Camp.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

No. 304.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Mily. Secy. to Commander-in-Chief.

* Telegram, 30th November 1905, 6-30 p. m.

Following telegram from Sir W. Lawrence :—

Begins. Their Royal Highnesses have no objection, and would be glad if it could be arranged to invite Maharaja of Jodhpur also. *Ends.*

As His Royal Highness has expressed desire that Jodhpur should be asked to meet him, Viceroy has no objection, but hopes Maharaja will come on same understanding as Scindia and Alwar.

No. 305.

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, December 2nd, 1905.

SIR,

I must beg Your Royal Highness' forgiveness for my remissness in not having written to Your Royal Highness since our arrival in India, but I am

really unable to explain adequately the flood of work and correspondence which overwhelmed me, and I trust Your Royal Highness will on this occasion excuse me.

Things are, I think, beginning to show a little day-light now, and the press of work is not quite so great, but there are many difficult points to settle, and I shall have much to talk to Your Royal Highness about at Calcutta which is hardly suitable for a letter. We were very pleased with our reception here, and every one has been most cordial. And this afternoon we are going to Barrackpore till Monday.

I am so glad it has been possible to arrange satisfactorily so as to avoid the clashing of the Tollygunge race meeting and the Convocation ceremony. I am sure the first will be much the most enjoyable of the two!

I have been so pleased to hear of the success of Your Royal Highnesses' tour in every way—and Lady Minto and I are very much looking forward to welcoming Your Royal Highnesses here, and there is much as to which I am anxious to consult Your Royal Highness. May I venture to send my respectful duty to the Princess of Wales, and I trust Her Royal Highness has not suffered from the fatigue of so much travelling?

I beg to remain,
Your Royal Highness'
humble and obedient servant,
(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 306.

Viceroy to Commander-in-Chief, Rawalpindi.

Telegram, 9th December 1905, 8-50 p. m.

Very pleased to hear of His Royal Highness Prince of Wales' satisfaction, and congratulate you heartily on the complete success of manœuvres.

No. 307.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Chief of the Staff, Prince of Wales' Camp.

Telegram, 14th December 1905, 6 p. m.

Viceroy thinks it would be better if he did not accompany Prince to Party on Maidan as function is really meant in honour of Their Royal Highnesses. What do you advise?

No. 308.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Govt. House, Calcutta, December 19th, 1905.

Lord Curzon was very anxious that Their Royal Highnesses should visit the collection for the Victoria Memorial Hall at the Museum some time during their stay in Calcutta. It has been difficult enough to arrange all the other events, and the Viceroy is naturally very averse to adding to the heavy list of engagements which is already down. But His Excellency thinks that if Their Royal Highnesses were graciously to consent to visit this collection it would have an excellent effect and stir up a great deal of interest in England in the Memorial, where far too little is known about it. The only suggestion as to the day and hour that I have got is that on Wednesday, the 3rd, when returning from Sir Francis Maclean's lunch Their Royal Highnesses might take the Museum on their way. They need be only 20 minutes or half an hour in the Museum, and could then drive on to Government House. Another suggestion has been made that Their Royal Highnesses should visit the collection on Saturday, the 30th December, after breakfast; but this means special arrangements, whereas on Wednesday they could take in the Museum on their way.

Will you kindly obtain Their Royal Highnesses' orders on this matter and let me know by telegram if possible?

No. 309.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Hon'ble Madholal, Chairman, Congress Art Exhibition, Benares.

Telegram, 21st December 1905, 2 p. m.

I have submitted your telegram of yesterday to the Viceroy, and am directed to send it to His Royal Highness' Chief of Staff for favour of orders. His Excellency states that it is impossible to curtail Calcutta visit, and fears that your application has come too late to have any chance of success.

No. 310.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Chief of Staff, Prince of Wales' Camp.

Telegram, 21st December 1905, 3 p. m.

Following telegram from Chairman, Congress Art Exhibition, Benares :—

Begins. Committee of Industrial Exhibition of Indian National Congress earnestly and respectfully appeals for slight alteration of His Royal Highness' programme, so as to permit of his visiting Exhibition on his way from Lucknow to Calcutta on 28th. Committee not only deems it its humble duty to invite future Emperor when in the country, but ventures to submit that it will be in conformity with the object of His Royal Highness' gracious visit to India to acquire personal knowledge of country and its peoples to visit the Exhibition of indigenous products, arts, and industries, His Royal Highness' kind solicitude for which is well known and gratefully recognised, and which is organised by Indian National Congress, a loyal body representing all sections of His Majesty's Indian subjects, and the intellectual product of British rule. Congress anxious for opportunity to testify devoted loyalty of educated Indians by giving cordial and enthusiastic welcome to Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Exhibition, which could be arranged by changing date of arrival at Calcutta to 30th or by earlier departure from Lucknow to reach Benares before sunset. Exhibition buildings face Kashi Station and are beyond limits of city and cantonment. Suitable arrangements shall be made for reception of Their Royal Highnesses. Committee keenly anxious for this honour, more so because Exhibition will have been closed by time of Prince's visit in February. *Ends.*

The Viceroy directs me to send this to you for disposal after informing applicant. His Excellency considers that application has been submitted much too late and cannot recommend that it be granted.

No. 311.

To H. H. SIR A. H. L. FRASER, K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Govt. House, Calcutta, December 21st, 1905

MY DEAR SIR ANDREW,

A great many thanks for the information. Adam tells me he has arranged for Their Royal Highnesses to go by the launch to Barrackpore and return by special train, so this will solve the difficulty.

I hope we shall have no trouble in connection with the University function.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 312.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, January 11th, 1906.

SIR,

I really cannot tell Your Royal Highness how pleased I was to get Your Royal Highness' very kind letter last night. It is so great a pleasure to know that Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales enjoyed your stay at Calcutta, and Lady Minto and I felt very sad in saying good-bye to Your Royal Highnesses. Last night Government House seemed very empty.

When we arrived at Calcutta we felt rather anxious as to the possibility of putting Your Royal Highnesses' rooms in anything like good order, everything seemed in such chaos, and we are glad to think that possibly Your Royal Highnesses found them fairly comfortable, and are so glad too that the visit to Barrackpore gave the chance of a little rest.

Your Royal Highnesses' visit to Calcutta has, I am sure, done untold good, as it has done all over the country, whilst from a selfish point of view I sincerely realise the assistance Your Royal Highnesses' stay at Government House has been to me at the commencement of my career here.

I shall never forget the roar of welcome from the crowds lining the streets on the night of the illuminations, and I cannot say how deeply I believe the visit from the Prince and Princess of Wales has impressed the people of India.

Your Royal Highness has heard many strange things in respect to the inner history of recent public events in India, and I am so glad to think how much the information Your Royal Highness has gained will help to make the truth as to public questions in this country known to people at home.

I must again thank Your Royal Highness for your kind letter and good wishes for the future.

Lady Minto is, I know, writing to the Princess of Wales, and I am sure it is unnecessary for me to say that Your Royal Highnesses will always have the respectful and affectionate good wishes of both of us.

I beg to remain,

Your Royal Highness' humble and obedient servant,

(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 313.

Viceroy to Lieutenant-Governor, Burma.

Telegram, 16th January 1906, 11-30 a. m.

Delighted to hear of successful landing and reception of Their Royal Highnesses.

No. 313a.

R.

To H. E. THE VISCOUNT KITCHENER, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief in India.

Barrackpore, January 18th, 1906.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I fully understood you were going to Secunderabad and your reasons, and it certainly is annoying; but under the circumstances, I do not see what you can do but give it up.

I see the argument from the Hyderabad point of view, and it would be a pity to put them to the inconvenience they foretell.

I know His Royal Highness expected you there, but of course he will quite understand.

The only thing to do is, I think, to give it up.

I return you the letter to Birdwood. I am coming in tomorrow morning for Council.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 314.

R.

Private Secretary to Viceroy to Sir W. Lawrence.

Telegram, 26th January 1906, 11-45 a. m.

Viceroy cordially agrees to two honours proposed in your letter of 18th.

No. 314a.

Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to H. H. Sir H. Thirkell White, K. C. I. E., Lieutenant-Governor of Burma, dated 27th January 1906.

I have this morning received your most interesting letter of January the 21st, giving me an account of Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Burma. I had

never any doubt that it would be a success, but must congratulate you on your excellent arrangements and in the brilliant way in which everything seems to have gone off. Their Royal Highnesses' visit will, I am convinced, do an enormous amount of good throughout India generally, and they are both so easy to please and so interested in all they see that entertaining them is, as I am sure you have found, a very pleasant task.

No. 314b.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 1st, 1906.

SIR,

I must write to Your Royal Highness to say how deeply grieved Lady Minto and I were to hear of the sad death of the King of Denmark. The suddenness of it must have been a very great shock to Your Royal Highnesses, coming as it did in the midst of so much trying work. I am afraid the Queen will feel the loss very deeply indeed, and I can assure Your Royal Highness that Her Majesty and the King have our sincerest sympathy.

I hope Your Royal Highness's tour is continuing as successfully as it has done throughout—but this is a matter of course.

I am glad to say I have heard from the India Office that the new Military organisation has been referred to a small Committee, and I hope it will not be so very long before a decision is come to, though I suppose there will be all sorts of criticism in the House of Commons.

Your Royal Highness may perhaps have seen an account of an interview in the *Daily Mail* (January 10th) between Lord Kitchener and a certain Dr. Fitchett, as to which the authorities at home have been much exercised. The fact is that this Dr. Fitchett appeared with a letter from Sir G. Clarke, introducing him to Kitchener as a distinguished Australian interested in Imperial matters. Kitchener had no idea he was being interviewed, and naturally spoke openly to him on various matters—upon which this all appears in the papers, with of course a good deal of embroidery. Kitchener is disgusted, but considering he only told the man what was perfectly true, I do not see that much harm has been done. However, I have had to telegraph home explanations. Your Royal Highness may possibly hear of it, so I mention it.

May I venture to present my sincere respects to the Princess of Wales.

I beg to remain, &c.,

(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 315.

R.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Sir W. Lawrence, Prince of Wales's Camp.

* Telegram, 10th February 1906.

Amir is now at Jalalabad, and from British Envoy's reports there appears to be an idea among his followers that he may signify a wish for an interview with Prince. Viceroy will take no notice of any rumours or reports of this kind, but thinks His Royal Highness should be informed. His Excellency thinks it probable that Prince will not wish to make any change in the tour, and feels sure His Royal Highness will agree that for other reasons such a meeting would not be advisable. Could you kindly reply at once His Royal Highness's wishes in the matter, as it is possible Viceroy may have to make arrangements for meeting Amir himself later on?

No. 316.

R.

Viceroy to Sir Arthur Bigge, Prince of Wales's Camp.

Telegram, 15th February 1906.

Your letter of 10th. Quite agree to proposed honours and will take necessary action from here.

No. 317.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 20th February 1906, 2-15 p. m.

Private. Am informed by Sir A. Bigge that King has approved G. C. I. E. for Lawrence, K. C. S. I. for Beatson, C. I. E. for Majors Grimston, Campbell, and Watson, and Brevet-Majority for Wigram; but if further action is necessary on my part, could you submit their names to the King?

We have spare insignia for all except Beatson. Will you kindly despatch set by next mail.

No. 318.

R.

To H. E. THE VISCOUNT KITCHENER, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief in India.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 20th, 1906.

[Private.]

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I have no doubt Bigge has let you know as to Military Honours recommended by His Royal Highness, but, if by chance he has not, I let you know

following :—Major-General Beatson for K. C. S. I., Lieutenant-Colonel Charles for K. C. V. O., Majors Grimston, Campbell, and Watson for C. I. E.; and Captain Wigram for Brevet-Majority, as he is already M. V. O. Admiral Poë gets a K. C. V. O.

Also I know His Royal Highness consulted you as to giving Major-General Duff a K. C. V. O. As to that he is relying upon his being at Karachi to receive the honour. So his presence there I look upon as being in your hands.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) MINTO.

P. S.—Of course above is very confidential. I have only just received His Royal Highness's wishes.

No. 319.

R.

To COLONEL SIR ARTHUR BIGGE, G. C. V. O., K. C. B., Private Secy. to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 20th, 1906.

MY DEAR BIGGE,

Re Honours. I have taken all necessary action: have telegraphed to India Office that, if not already approved by the King, they may be submitted at once, and have also asked for necessary insignia.

I find there are two vacancies for K. C. S. I., so Beatson need not be an "extra."

I saw your letter to Lady Minto, and need not tell you how much I agree with you as to some judicious recognition here of military services. I will not lose sight of it.

Thank goodness, Morley's Despatch on Military Organization is due by next mail. I have not been told the contents, but I see from his and Godley's private letters what it is to be. The dual military control goes, they accept the principle of the Despatch of May 31st, but they will, I expect, keep Army Head-Quarters and the new Army Secretariat entirely separate as two Departments. Personally I do not think it matters. I advised their working under one head, *viz.*, the Commander-in-Chief, but evidently to satisfy some objections they have resolved to keep them apart. That as a matter of fact they will be under the same man, *viz.*, the Commander-in-Chief as Commander-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief as Member of Council. Kitchener says they are turning him into a sort of Pooh Ba! but he agrees with me that it

does not matter, so I apprehend no difficulty. It is a great triumph really, though possibly the other side may, to save their faces, make much of the modification of my draft rules.

I wish I had time to write you some gossip, but today, like many others, is closing fast with much still to be done.

I got a very good tiger. I am so dreadfully sorry as to the loss of His Royal Highness's Nepal shoot, and am writing to him to say so. It is a great disappointment.

Always yours very truly,
(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 320.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 21st, 1906.

SIR,

I received Your Royal Highness' letter this morning, and am thoroughly in sympathy with Your Royal Highness in the direction of recognizing the Maharaja of Benares as a Ruling Chief. There may be some technical difficulties which I do not know of, but I will enquire at once, and I assure Your Royal Highness that I am every day becoming more and more convinced of the good that can be done by a judicious recognition of distinguished Indian gentlemen, as Your Royal Highness suggests.

I had intended to write last night to say how terribly sorry I was to hear of the misfortune as to the Nepal shoot. It is really a most bitter disappointment to Your Royal Highness, and I had so looked forward to hearing of great things from there. I suppose the Camp was too big an affair to put off and reorganize later on, but should be so glad to hear that this was still possible. I cannot say how sincerely I share in Your Royal Highness' disappointment. I had already heard of Your Royal Highness' three tigers and a panther, and sent my heartiest congratulations.

The tiger I got was a good one. I went off on my own account (apart from the ladies) to a different part of the country with Dunlop Smith and two A.-D.-C.'s, and had a couple of very pleasant days in the jungle, though except the tiger we got nothing else—to tell Your Royal Highness the truth privately I felt considerably safer where I was than in the other camp provided for seven fully armed ladies! They did, however, succeed in securing a small mixed bag without injuring each other. I hope Your Royal Highness will not tell them of the nervous apprehensions they caused me!

I expect Mr. Morley's Despatch on Military Organization by next mail, and am anxiously awaiting the criticism it is sure to arouse.

Again I cannot say how sorry I am about Nepal. Lady Minto joins with me in most respectful remembrances to Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales.

I beg to remain,
Your Royal Highness' humble and obedient servant,
(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 321.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Chief of Staff, Prince of Wales's Camp.

Telegram, 21st February 1906.

Revenue Department have suggested that His Royal Highness should visit some famine works, say, in British Bundelkhand. Viceroy considers proposal an excellent one. Letter follows.

No. 322.

R.

Private Secy. to Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence, Prince of Wales's Camp.

Telegram, 23rd February 1906.

Your letter, 21st. Viceroy quite approves the two K. C. V. O's.

No. 323.

TO SIR WALTER LAWRENCE, K. C. I. E.

Govt. House, Calcutta, February 24th, 1906.

[Private.]

MY DEAR WALTER,

I submitted your "Private" letter of the 21st to the Viceroy. You will already have my telegram of the 23rd about the K. C. V. O's. His Excellency quite approves of both these recommendations and of your proposals about the Native honours. I will arrange the latter with Dane, and see that the Sanads are ready before His Royal Highness leaves.

The Viceroy thinks it is very wise to postpone the gazetting of the "Police" Sanads.

I believe you are with the Princess, but must send this to "Prince of Wales's Camp."

Yours,
(Sd.) J. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

No. 324.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

P * Telegram, 27th February 1906, 1 p. m.

Private. My private telegram 20th instant and your private telegram of 22nd. Honours. Prince telegraphs he is most anxious to present all honours personally before leaving Karachi, so its important insignia should arrive in time.

No. 325.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 1st March 1906.

Private. Subject to the receipt of definite instructions from you sanctioning the promotions and appointments, I propose to publish all honours conferred in connection with the Prince of Wales' visit on the 17th March before His Royal Highness leaves India, and as it is desirable to publish simultaneously in both the *London* and *Government of India Gazettes*, will you please telegraph, when matter is settled, full text of draft Notification of English honours as it will appear in *London Gazette*?

The following Indian Orders will be gazetted :—

To be a K. C. S. I.—Major-General Stuart Brownlow Beatson, C. B., Indian Army, Inspector-General, Imperial Service Troops, and Military Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

To be a G. C. I. E.—Sir Walter Roper Lawrence, K. C. I. E., Chief of the Staff of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

To be C. I. E's.—Major Rollo Estonteville Grimston, Indian Army, Squadron Commander and second-in-command, 6th (King Edward's Own) Cavalry, and an Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Major Charles Ferguson Campbell, Indian Army, Squadron Commander and second-in-command, 11th (King Edward's Own) Lancers (Probyn's Horse), and an Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Major Harry Davis Watson, Indian Army, Double Company Commander, 1st Battalion 2nd (King Edward's Own) Gurkha Rifles (the Sirmoor Rifles), and an Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Promotion of Captain Wigram to Brevet-Majority will also be gazetted at same time by Military Department.

No. 326.

R.

Viceroy to Secretary of State.

* Telegram, 3rd March 1906, 4-30 p. m.

Private. Can you please tell me, for information of Prince of Wales, whether insignia asked for in my telegram of 20th February was despatched, and when?

No. 327.

R.

Viceroy to Sir A. Bigge, Prince of Wales' Camp.

* Telegram, 7th March 1906.

Your telegram, 6th instant. I would recommend Director-General being made a Knight.

No. 328.

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K. G.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 9th, 1906.

SIR,

I am sending this by Lord Francis Scott to Karachi to convey to Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales the respectful farewells of Lady Minto and myself, and our best wishes for Your Royal Highnesses' safe return home.

I really cannot sufficiently congratulate Your Royal Highness on the brilliant success of Your Royal Highness' visit to India. It has, I am convinced, done untold good, and has everywhere elicited expressions of loyalty and affection towards Your Royal Highness, the deep meaning of which it is impossible to overestimate, for I sincerely believe that the security of our rule here is not only based on a recognition of our strength and justice, but on the personal reverence of the people of India for the King-Emperor and the heir to the Throne.

Also, I cannot wish Your Royal Highness good-bye without venturing to say how great an assistance the presence in India of Your Royal Highness and

the Princess of Wales has been to myself and Lady Minto at the commencement of our career here. We greatly appreciated the honour of being able a second time to receive Your Royal Highnesses in the King's Empire beyond the seas, and the fact that we were able to do so was to us a happy introduction to our term of office. We shall always warmly remember all the kindness of Your Royal Highnesses, whilst for myself, I cannot but recognise the great advantage it may be for me in the future, that Your Royal Highness has been able to look behind the scenes here and to realise the peculiarities which have influenced recent Indian history. I am thankful the military discussion has at last come to a close—though I gather from Reuter that Lord Curzon is still on the warpath!

I am so glad to think that Your Royal Highness had some excellent sport in India notwithstanding the bitter disappointment as to Nepal. The attack of cholera in the proposed shooting camp was very severe, and we must all be thankful that Your Royal Highness was warned in sufficient time to avoid risk.

I beg again on behalf of Lady Minto and myself to offer our warmest good wishes to Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales.

I beg to remain,

Your Royal Highness' humble and obedient servant,

(Sd.) MINTO.

No. 329.

R.

*Extract from a letter from the Viceroy to H.E. the Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G.,
G. C. I. E, Governor of Bombay, dated 10th March 1906.*

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(4) The Royal visit. I believe the expenses of Local Governments in connection with this has not been fully dealt with yet, but I can promise you that your claims will be sympathetically considered.

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(8) Recognition of the Royal visit. I brought this question up in Council today, and I find that any remission of taxation would be out of the question and contrary to the views expressed by the Secretary of State. The advisability of the release of prisoners was, I find, considered by the Government of India last summer and not approved of. No releases of prisoners were made on

His Majesty's visit to India in 1876, but certain releases were granted on the occasion of the Imperial Assemblage at Delhi in 1877, on Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887, on the Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and on the Coronation of the King-Emperor. The present occasion would therefore not appear a suitable one according to precedent, and at any rate it would be impossible so late in the day when Local Governments could not make arrangements in time. I, however, arranged in Council today that some words of farewell from the Government of India should be addressed to Their Royal Highnesses, which will, of course, be made public. I also raised the question of a universal holiday, but am told that holidays have already been given at the different places Their Royal Highnesses have visited.

No. 330.

Viceroy to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Telegram, 18th March 1906, 11-30 p. m.

Lady Minto and I venture respectfully to congratulate Your Royal Highnesses on the great success of your visit to India, and wish Your Royal Highnesses a happy and prosperous journey home.

No. 331.

Viceroy to Sir Walter Lawrence.

Telegram, 18th March 1906.

Lady Minto and I wish you and Staff a hearty farewell and *bon voyage*.

No. 332.

Viceroy to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Telegram, 24th March 1906.

The Viceroy and Government and the Princes and people of India deeply appreciate the gracious message which Your Royal Highness has conveyed at the close of your visit. His Excellency begs respectfully to express the strong feelings of gratitude and devotion which the visit of Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales has evoked among all classes and sections of this great Empire, and his warm personal appreciation of Your Royal Highness' kind expressions towards Lady Minto and himself.

No. 333.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL VISCOUNT KITCHENER, G. C. B., O. M., G. C. M. G.,
Commander-in-Chief.

„ THE HON. SIR A. T. ARUNDEL, K. C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.
„ „ „ SIR DENZIL IBBETSON, K. C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.
„ „ „ MR. H. ERLE RICHARDS, K. C., Member of the Viceroy's Council.
„ „ „ MR. J. P. HEWETT, C. S. I., C. I. E., Member of the Viceroy's Council.
„ „ „ MR. E. N. BAKER, C. S. I., Member of the Viceroy's Council.
„ „ „ MAJOR-GENL. C. H. SCOTT, C. B., B. A., Member of the Viceroy's
Council.

Govt. House, Calcutta, March 24th, 1906.

MY DEAR—

I am directed to enclose a copy of a letter* received today from the Prince of Wales by the Viceroy. His Excellency proposes to send the following answer, which he trusts you will approve, and to publish the correspondence:—

Begins. The Viceroy and Government and the Princes and people of India deeply appreciate the gracious message which Your Royal Highness has conveyed at the close of your visit. His Excellency begs respectfully to express the strong feelings of gratitude and devotion which the visit of Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales has evoked among all classes and sections of this great Empire, and his warm personal appreciation of Your Royal Highness' kind expressions towards Lady Minto and himself. *Ends.*

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

* Dated 19th March 1906.

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